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

Privatise the ABC at your peril.

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

Unlike commercial radio and tv, the ABC has a statutory charter to provide broadcasting services of a high standard that contribute to national identity and inform, entertain and reflect Australia's cultural diversity. Commercial media's only function is to make a profit. The ABC ably fulfils its charter and is one of the best things about this nation.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:27 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please explain why the ABC should be privatised?

My only question is- why does the ABC need to be privatised?

What are the benefits?

And if there are any, do they outweigh the benefits of having an independent media organisation NOT beholden to corporate interests. You know, focused on public interests... kind of like our government should be.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:27 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Leave the ABC alone!

I would like to see the ABC to remain as it is and not privatised or changed in any way whatsoever, The ABC is the most important and trusted media organisation and is needed by many Australians.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:27 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep The ABC/SBS in Public Hands


I love the ABC and have done so for the past 50 years. The Four Corners theme has been a constant in my life most Mondays of each year. I appreciate the courageous investigations that inform and influence how we see ourselves, our communities, our politicians, government and business. No one is exempt if they see themselves above the law. Where big multinationals and big media control so much of the world's economy (and environment) we need a strong public broadcaster to report for us and our communities. The vested interest the ABC has is us, Australians urban, regional and remote. My family including our daughter in her early 30's are regular watches of the ABC. We enjoy the current affairs' programs for the reasons above, but equally love the Australian dramas, comedies and the children's programs which showcase our better angels. Iview is now a favoured medium as is the Listen App. I learn so much and am inspired by what I see and hear on ABC TV and ABC radio. As Michelle Guthrie stated yesterday, the ABC is worth over a 1 Billion dollars to the Australian economy each year. 4 cents a day is a mighty good investment as far as I'm concerned. So many of our well known actors have begun their careers on The ABC/SBS. Our stories are shared and showcased. Australian story celebrating the lives, courage, ingenuity and compassion of ordinary Australians. I could go on and on, but I'm sure you'll have many more of these to read that are more articulate than me. I have however taken the time to write this submission because it is important to me. The ABC has been and continues to be an important part of my life. I will defend its survival and funding rigorously as will many of my family and friends.

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission.

Kind regards

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

Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media. I do not want the ABC privatised as it provides an unbiased platform for open debate within Australia.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:27 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't privatise the ABC!!

To whom it may concern,

I wish to voice strongly my opinion that the ABC should remain fully funded by the Government to ensure the democracy of Australia. Cuts have already been made which could seriously jeopardise the ability for everyone in our community to have their say. It is imperative that more cuts are not made. With Privatisation comes the threat of influence of big business, whether this is seen to be transparent or not. Various members of the community have stressed their concerns that the ABC has shown bias towards the left in Government. We all know that the present commercial stations are representing news to influence consumer spending in a biased way, hidden as a news item, primarily towards voters towards the right. There needs to be a balance. Why would the ABC, if commercialised, be any different when paying advertisers want to influence the viewers through manipulation with a hidden agenda.

Keep the ABC funded by the people!! As a member of the community paying tax, I wish to stress the importance of a percentage funding the ABC.

Yours sincerely,

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

From my dad making us watch the 7pm news when we were kids to all sitting together listening to the Goons or the cricket or watching Countdown or the Bill to ABC online or listening to podcasts or on my phone the ABC has been an integral part of my life e millions of other Australians. It must stay in public hands so future generations can have the same opportunity and pleasure.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:27 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** It is essential the ABC remains in public hands

To whom it may concern,

I would like to make my position known that I believe the best interests of Australia are for the ABC to remain in public hands and be adequately funded to deliver a range of media accessible to all Australians. The ABC is my main source of news as I trust the impartiality of a publically-funded media organisation, as opposed to media companies owned by private interests.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:27 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please don't privatise the ABC

I brought my children up watching the ABC, Sesame Street, Play School, Doctor Who and in the early days Bellbird which we all watched and loved. Now my grandchildren watch the ABC as opposed to commercial Television. I cannot believe that the Liberal Party has voted to privatise the ABC. I will not watch the trash which we are offered on the commercial channels. I do support SBS and some of their excellent programs. I think that the cuts to the ABC budget has resulted in cheaper programs, on offer, but I do enjoy their Australian made programs such as Four Corners, 7.30pm, Australian Story, the excellent Mystery Road on Sunday night, and many other ABC programs. It would be such a backward move to privatise the ABC so that there is no alternative for viewers such as me to watch the trash that is offered by commercial TV.

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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

To whom it may concern,  
Attacks on the ABC by well funded and organised vested interests have been ramping up since Tony Abbott and the right wing elements in Australian politics decided they must silence the independence of the ABC if they are to maintain relevance in an era where vested interests control the conservative political parties in this country. Three politically right wing politically aligned commercial television channels is not enough for these ABC opposition forces to get there message across. The ABC must be removed so the Australian voting public can be more easily manipulated to serve the large scale vested interests whose agenda conservatives are actively advancing today. The ABC provides the most balanced, truthful and respected coverage of Australian politics and of society in general. It must be strengthened even more today so that it can continue to serve the interests of the vast majority of Australians.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:27 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Emergency information

We have no mobile phone service so the only means we have of obtaining local information in an emergency situation is thru the ABC. We also prefer the programming.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:27 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Public Broadcasters and Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to register my concerns regarding the current Inquiry into the competitive neutrality of our public broadcasters. I believe that both the ABC and SBS represent essential elements of the broadcast environment in Australia, and that any effort to restrict their freedom of action should be strenuously resisted.


It is clear that they are providers of very high quality content, and I personally rely heavily upon them for both information and entertainment. They are able to contribute to the diversity of media in ways that commercial operators cannot, especially as they can deal with issues of little commercial interest, and do not need to consider the opinions of their advertisers in deciding what content to broadcast.

I also feel that the public broadcasters have been pioneers in introducing new content; material that has, in time, come to be of interest to the commercial operators once it has become popular. I think this function of innovation is vital in an evolving environment.

Free to Air broadcasting is facing significant challenges, especially relating to the profitability of the commercial operators. This is principally related to technological and market change, and the influence of public funded broadcasters is insignificant. It is therefore a mistake to attack them on this basis.

I strongly urge the enquiry to protect the independence of the public funded broadcasters and to ensure that they remain free of any politically motivated interference. They are both institutions with proud histories, and without which the nation would be greatly diminished.

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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 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 8:27 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC must remain in public hands

I consider the ABC a trusted news source.

In the current world with social media and powerful private sector lobby groups, trusted impartial news sources are even more critical than ever.

I believe that public broadcasting plays a critical and irreplaceable role in democracy. This is incompatible with with a privatised ABC. The very premise of an inquiry (to see if the ABC and SBS have an advantage over commercial outlets by virtue of being publicly funded) misses this crucial point. Even if an advantage did exist, it doesn't matter because of the critical role of public broadcasting remaining free of commercial influence.

Regards,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:26 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC must remain in taxpayers hands & not sold off

ABC provides independent news coverage not manipulated by governments, political parties or other agendas not in the interest of Australians

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:26 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

Decent journalism is sorely lacking in 2018. The last thing we need is another private company with an agenda other than telling relevant factual news. Privatisation is not the answer here.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:26 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off our abc

The abc like the bbc should never be privatised for corporate gain. It's a vehicle for the people of Australia.  
Hands off.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:26 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Quality Trust and respect for the National Treasure The ABC

Why do we need to justify the ABC right to exist! It has and is providing quality News, Current Affairs and Entertainment to Australians in both the country and city regions. Yes, I understand the imperative of commercial stations to make money. But we need a media outlet dedicated to servicing the needs of the Australian Community, the role of this organisation is far broader than the narrow view of commerciality. Personally, aside from the Football and cricket I hardly watch any station other than SBS and the ABC. The quality of Australian Drama offered is first class examples Mystery Road, Janet King, Miss Fisher Murders, Dr Blake and of course delivery first class comedy Mad as Hell, The Weekly, yes and even the tonightly a few naughty words dont bother me, I am an adult. Even the quality of their quiz programs exceeds the commercial stations ie Hard Quiz Thinktank. Now the most important role of all providing free and unconstrained news and information. Programs such as it News, Four corners, Q&A Would the commercial stations have broken stories on the Banks, Financial Planners, water theft from the Murray Darling, etc answer NO because they are dependent on the revenues the advertisers provide to survive and are loath to attack major revenue sources. In the age of Fake News a quality and trusted ABC is needed more than ever, My Opinion, the reason they are under attack from segments of our community, THEY DO TOO GOOD A JOB AND THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO SILENCE THEM.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:26 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

In any democratic society it is crucial that there be a range of media to ensure that news is reported in a way reflecting the range of interests and opinions in the community. It is thus crucial that the Australian Broadcasting Commission remain an independent national body not connected with any corporate or ideological group. Over the years the ABC has fearlessly investigated and reported news which has strengthened the transparent accountability of government (of all ilks) and other groups to the citizens of Australia. The idea that our PUBLIC broadcaster will come under the sway of commercial and corporate interests is offensive, outrageous and democratically dangerous. That the ABC appears to regularly be under attack by different governments over the years is a testament to its enormous courage as a broadcaster. Any government who insists that the ABC is biased and unnecessary is one who does not embrace free and open debate and thus is in itself of questionable repute. The ABC must not be privatised and in fact requires additional resources to continue its iconic role within our nation.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:26 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep OUR ABC in public hands!

Hello

I LOVE MY ABC...DO YOU???

If you do love our ABC, you would never ever want to privatise it.

The ABC is the only truly independent nationwide broadcaster, right across Australia for TV, radio & internet services.

It caters for all - children with Playschool, Young people with Triple J , Oldies with ClassicFM & RN & people like me with Robbie Buck & Wendy Harmer to wake me up & Chris Bathy's Bird Nerd Club & Simon Marnie on Sat morning ... did I mention Poldark!!!

Local Radio 630NthQld was great to listen to when I was at JCU in Townsville.

Privatising all these fabulous shows would not be the same & then think of all those dreadful ads.

Don't privatise My ABC.

It belongs to all of us

Kind regards

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:26 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands.

The ABC must not be privatised as it is one of our democratic institutions. We need a non bias public broadcaster like the ABC to keep giving us real content. Privatisation doesn't lead to better services and better products. I.e. Telstra, CBA

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:26 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Save the ABC

It is crucial that the ABC remain a public broadcaster, free of the bias of vested commercial interests !

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:26 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC is the voice of the people

To consider privatising the ABC is madness....I personally no longer watch commercial TV broadcasts as the content is utter rubbish with advertising in-between.....it is the responsibility of the Australian Government to keep pretty much the last of of what most Australians consider to be a a platform for quality broadcasting of current affairs and quality programming from both Australia and overseas(primarily the UK) Can you imagine yet another 10, 9 or 7 God help us!!!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:25 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in Public Hands


The ABC gave me a strong educational and cultural base even before I started going to school. During my school years it provided quality Australian content in its afternoon programming and I used to listen to the breakfast broadcast with my mum before school.

When I was at uni, it continued to provide quality news and current affairs broadcasting and I regularly watched Foreign Correspondent and Australian Story and it helped shape my critical understanding of the world. It also continued to provide highly entertaining Australian programming such as Spicks and Specks, all of which greatly contrasted to the over-produced content on the commercial networks. When I returned from living abroad I still watched ABC News Breakfast as it was the best source of local and international news available at that time (much more balanced and direct than the "newsertainment" on cable TV). Now I'm a parent and I'm eternally grateful that the ABC provides the same quality children's programming as when I was young. I'm not talking about Pepper Pig, but the Playchool story-time segments that not only include indigenous stories/voices but also have presenters who speak my child's second language and have content that relates to him personally.

We subscribe to pay-TV (because we don't get good arial reception here) but it doesn't replace the ABC stations which are saved as favourites in our system.

Please don't sell the ABC. It's not only an Australian icon but has helped make Australia the fantastic place it is today by giving so much fresh Australian talent a place to thrive.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:25 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

There aren't any more public assets the Liberal far right can privatise. BUT HANDS OFF THE ABC. The public broadcaster plays a vital function in our democracy very much needed in an age when truths are distorted at any cost. We, the public rely on an independent voice, diversity of opinion and educative content able to inform without depending on commercial interest.  
Please be sure to keep the national broadcaster in public hands. We depend on it.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:25 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC or Another Bloody Commercial channel?

Another bloody commercial tv channel?!  
What will there be left to watch?!  
Please, please, please, leave the ABC alone. There's so little tv worth watching, already.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:25 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

I strongly believe the ABC should stay in public hands. As an institution, it provides a credible news service as well as many programs that reflect the life of ordinary Australians. It also provides a valuable service to our international neighbours and sets a standard for democratic leadership in a sometime volatile region. I believe we have a humane and just society partly because our national broadcaster has an ethical responsibility to take a balanced view of current affairs. News coverage is unbiased and without an agenda.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:25 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC out of private hands!!!

My brother's kids watch ABC and I have noticed the quality of shows that it has in comparison with other free channels.


It is the educational side of things that worries me with privatisation of ABC. You would lose that freedom of unbiased speech and you would give power to one corporation to change this agenda and probably become just another main stream channel.

Please keep the fresh independent look. It is the way of the future. Money will come. Just change your angle on how you view things. Government agencies are becoming more and more savvy in today's competitive world. Keep your unique product and make it smart.

Good luck!!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:25 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Only the ABC is free of bias regarding remedies, etc

The Australian Broadcasting Corp / Comm is one of the few channels willing to expose the fake "natural remedies" and even ones approved by doctors. The private TV channels and radio stations receive advertising revenue from such doubtful people

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**From:** [redacted] <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:25 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ANC in public hands

The ABC has played a strong, important and unique service in Australia and in the life of my family. I cannot express how vital and enriching the ABC has been for my family and friends . This is in no small part because of its independence and coverage of matters that received minimal if any coverage in private media.

Far more than any commercial provider it has provided fearless reporting on all aspects of Australian politics and society

No commercial operation has come even close to providing the same level of critical examination of Australian life. There is no indication that a private organisation could or is likely to provide vital services to the wider Australian nation

We need only look to the state of broadcasting in New Zealand to see what life would be like without an adequately funded true public broadcaster.

It is the breadth of programs the ABC provides through radio , TV and on-line covering social , cultural, religious, political , education, etc not available in any other media that explains its significance within Australia. Without doubt we would lose most of this programming if the ABC was to be privatised . I cannot understand how anyone can gain from the loss of programming for schools and students, the support of quality drama , or the ABC's political and social reporting.

I have heard people of all political persuasions accuse one or more ABC program of bias and on a range of issues. I know this is because people hate their side of politics or their area of interest being questioned and made accountable.


I, like my extended family and many people I know, would be devastated if Australians lost our public broadcaster.

I urge people to desist their lobbying to dispose of such a valuable public asset. The ramifications among many would include weakening the transparency and accountability of politicians across the spectrum . I can't help but think that the rationale for the repeated attacks on ANC maybe to remove the level of scrutiny and accountability placed on some politicians . This pressuring to sell the ABC by extremists needs to be resisted.

Yours faithfully

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:25 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Leave the ABC alone please

Democracy is very important to me. Private means commercial and this means Lack of Freedom. I cant believe how bad this Government can be .TRYing to mimic Putin. Once i was a Liberal!!!!!!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:25 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC must remain in public ownership.

Having lived in several countries in Europe, it's very clear that an essential part of effective government is a major media source not effected by commercial interests, which are by far the most corrosive influences in the media sector. A good example currently is the mess that Telstra is steadily creating for itself since privatisation - working harder for the shareholders than the consumers. Another good example is Public Transport Victoria, a state control body created by the Liberal Govt to counteract the mess that privately owned transport companies were creating (since privatisation by the Liberal Government a couple of decades prior). A state owned ABC is essential to good governance in Australia.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:24 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

Please please don't commercialise our ABC! All the commercial stations are offering us is game shows, reality tv, stupid american sitcoms or superficial reporting of news and events. The ABC offers great Australian dramas like Mystery Road and The Code, and insightful shows like Insight, Catalyst, 4 Corners, Q and A, Compass, Australian Story, Matter of Fact with Stan Grant, as well as its news, which has more depth than the commercial stations, and 7.30 Report, with Leigh's in-depth interviews. It also offers enjoyable and heart-warming shows such as Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery, Who Do You Think You Are, The Weekly with Charlie Pickering, Mad as Hell when it was on, Grand Designs Australia, Gardening Australia, and offers us some British dramas such as Victoria, Dr Who, Poldark, Shakespeare and Hathaway, which is far more interesting than what the commercial stations are offering, shows full of ads and the same basic news repeated over and over again, or unfunny American sitcoms. Please, please don't turn the ABC into what we already have on all our other stations. It is a huge part of our Australian identity and a huge part of my life as I am home a lot due to health reasons, and depend on the ABC's offerings thank you [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:24 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not privatise our ABC

As there are already so many commercial broadcasters, why on earth would you want to privatize our ABC? In my view, the ABC is the only impartial, interesting and informative station worth listening to. From children's programs, through to tough, investigative journalism, the ABC has been my main source of information and entertainment. There have been so many wonderful shows which I would not have watched if they had been interrupted by ads. So please, keep our ABC in public hands!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:24 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please keep the ABC independent and in public hands

Australia needs an independent ABC. It is critical in our democracy given the concentrated power within other media.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:24 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

My personal experience of the ABC is that this broadcaster is an amazing asset to Australia. Quality, broad topic programming has been evident, even since the gargantuan budget restraints. It is obvious that the federal government has tried to undermine this broadcaster; they've behaved paranoid, accusations have flown such as 'the ABC is biased'etc. Well rubbish! Mitch Fifield and his IPA cronies are the only biased behaviour that I've witnessed. An independent, tax payer funded broadcaster, belonging to all Australians must remain. To not have this would mean American garbage being shown, adverts galore and the bews service to replicate that of SKY news (we all know who owns SKY news and you'd have to be a complete turkey to trust anything that shambles of a businessman has to say. He makes Dacre look like a saint!) ABC belongs to each and every Australian NOT to private individuals who will carve it up and feed it to the pigs. Thank you for your time.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:24 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Right wing grab at public broadcaster ABC

The ABC has been a watchtower of truth and education, news and generally balanced content. Generations of Australians have enjoyed the varied output, at a modest cost to the taxpayers. When you look at the alternative as in the USA with distorted and politicised broadcasts from Fox and the like, one sees the present danger and agenda of the right wing in its last gasp in government. If they succeed, it will be their death knell; fully deserved.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:24 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

I am worried about the Coalition's attacks on our ABC and what you think it means for our society. 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 8:24 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Abc

I live alone in the bush and the abc fills my day with glorious music . Without classic fm and current affairs I would be alone and distraught.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:24 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Safe the ABC

I have been an avid listener if the ABC since 1979. Listening to early AM driving to work. PM driving home. Listening whilst in Narabri, Coffs Harbor or Newcastle where I actually live or Sydney where I often work. I love stories about Australian people. I can't get enough of politics and foreign news. ABC has followed me all my life and I will follow the ABC wherever I am. Do not allow the ABC to be privatised. It needs to be public and free for all.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:24 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in public hands

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

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:24 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

I implore you not to sell off our precious ABC : i cannot imagine my life without tuning into either the ABC radio or TV. The ABC brings the world to us, informing us on local, national or world affairs. Moreover, it brings us its homemade shows with trusted information on news, current affairs, Q & A, Landline, the Gardening Show, One plus One, Dramas and fabulous documentaries and the educational and fun childrens TV. THANK YOU FOR THIS WONDERFUL TV STATION THAT MUST NOT BE SOLD OFF.  
REGARDS [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:24 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC don't commercialise it

I listen to and watch the ABC daily. It's how I get my news and keep up to date. It makes up a very important part of my day. I regularly visit the USA, and there is no equivalent service. I miss the ABC when I am overseas and frequently use the ABC listen app. Please don't destroy this quality service. Please restore the funding that is eroding the quality of the ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:24 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC should remain as a public service to the community

I love the ABC, both TV and radio. It provides the community with a service that could never be given by any private organisation. I love the dramas, the documentaries, the new service and the informative shows.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:24 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please save our ABC from privatisation

As a an aged and disabled person who has lost mobility I find myself increasingly reliant on the ABC for news and intelligent discussion that I can trust about important events taking place in my country and its culture. Without the ABC my quality of life would be significantly diminished. There are many other people like me. The role of the ABC in Australian life is more important than it has ever been, when much of the commercial media is dominated by the self-interest of untrustworthy owners.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:24 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

It is dependant news not paid for that allows society to continue with integrity

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:23 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC belongs to the People

As a government may I remind you that you are only a custodian for the preservation of our national treasurers and the ABC is one. The thought that the Liberals would even consider privatising this icon is inconceivable. Whether or not you as a political party accepts or agrees with ABC analysis is irrelevant. It is the only objective and critical organisation that holds no favour and provides Australians with quality Australian content.

It would behove you to leave this wonderful organisation alone. Have your debates but make it policy for all time that the ABC will never be privatised.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:23 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't privatise the ABC.

The ABC is my lifeline. I am in my late eighties and I rely on programs such as Four Corners and the 7.30 Report for in-depth analysis of news. Sunday's Insiders is a must to keep me up to speed with events in Parliament, while brilliant Australian drama like Mystery Road satisfies the erstwhile actor in me. It has been agonising to watch the ABC struggle with recent savage cuts to funding and I can only admire the way in which it carries on. Leave MY ABC alone, please.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:23 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Save Our ABC

Please do not let the ABC fall into the hands of a private company. I get so frustrated with the commercial stations - they do not run on time; they put in so many adverts there are more ads than program; there are so many shows of utter garbage I often just do not watch. The ABC is a breath of fresh air please do not sell it off!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:23 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in our Public Hands

We need to have a Government owned and operated Radio and TV which is independent and therefore will provide information which is honest and they provide lots of good shows without Ads,. The BBC in England is still Government funded and we should also follow the same. Good

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:23 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** keep our ABC safe from commercialism.

Our whole family love and trust our ABC. It must stay in public hands and not be sold off to scumbag commercial interests.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:23 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep Our ABC in Public Hands

I have listened to the ABC virtually all my life, either local or RN...but mainly RN. There is no commercial station which can take the place of the ABC...there is no comparison. While the quality of programming appears to be dropping, it still provides an extremely important, non-commercial and independent voice which is critical to our life in a democracy.

Big business have too much power now over governments and what happens in our world. The ABC is one little corner which has been reserved for information which is generally not influenced by money. Who will we be and what could we possibly trust if this is eroded away? It could never be reinstated. We must retain this piece of sanity in a world gone mad with greed.

This is our democratic right. You can not privatise the ABC!

Sincerely

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:23 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Leave the ABC alone.

DO NOT PRIVITIZE THE ABC. Stop just stop!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:23 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off our ABC

Until recently I guided tours around the ABC building in Collinswood in Adelaide including the production of BTN. Participants loved sharing their reasons for why they loved the ABC, young and old alike. Selling the ABC would undoubtedly change the content to serve a commercial purpose. Something we have quite enough of and as the sale of Network 10 recently showed, is problematic. Our commercial networks are full of tacky garbage and dreary advertising. Quality broadcasting is not always the taste of the masses for obvious reasons but for a society to be continually developing artistically, socially and intellectually, people must have access to programming that seeks to educate, entertain and inform while being free of commercial interests.

This is something I am not only happy for my taxes to pay for, I am happy to restore funding lost recently.

Sincerely

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:23 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC public!

The commercial news programs are almost worthless, concentrating on minor local incidents, overseas gossip, and trivia. I trust only the ABC and SBS to provide quality news and current affairs programs. Australia without Four Corners is unthinkable.

Yours sincerely,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:23 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC

There is a need in every country to have public not for profit TV. These stations provide content and unbiased news that is not found on private and not for profit stations.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:22 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC must remain publicly funded and independent now more than ever.


I'm appalled by Liberal Party Council attempts to privatise the ABC.

Now more than ever Australia needs an independent voice in the media driven by the need to serve Australians, not commercial interests.

The ABC is without question the least biased and most trustworthy voice in the Australian media landscape.

Anyone who feels threatened by that and wants the ABC beholden to commercial interests clearly has suspicious motives that run counter to best interests of the Australian people.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:22 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC public

The ABC provides a range of essential functions for the community including emergency services announcements. The overall quality and creativity of ABC productions cannot be matched by a private enterprise only driven by profits. ABC investigative journalism has helped to expose a large number of important stories that in the public interest, and through exposing these stories has helped to make Australia a more accountable and just country.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:22 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC and privatisation

I am deeply concerned at the prospect of the ABC being privatised or changed in any way. The quality and neutrality of the ABC is obvious and in our polarised and political grandstanding arena I can completely understand why the federal government is concerned about truthful reporting of pertinent issues.

I will do my best to vote, campaign and sway as many people as possible to protect the ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:22 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't privatise the ABC!

Australia already has a stack of commercial TV channels and radio stations, we need the non-commercial ABC to act as a counterweight to them. Commercial media broadcast whatever will sell their advertising space, no matter how brainless. Keep the ABC in public ownership!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:22 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Our ABC will not be privatised!

The ABC is the identity of all of Australia. The Turnbull Government mounted a inquiry into whether public broadcasters have an "undue advantage" over commercial outlets. This is a complete waste of time. It shows me that the LNP government is hell bent on making Australia the 53 rd state of the USA and wants out identity to vanish.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:22 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep outpr ABC in the hands of public, not private!

I'm writing about this because it is something I feel very passionate about. Our ABC is something to cherish & should not be compared to commercial stations, nor put on the same level. It is vital to have this voice in society without privatisation & commercial sources pushing their agendas. It's a rare thing in this world, which is why it is so important to allow the ABC to be publicly funded. Not to mention that it provides more quality viewing than many of the commercial channels. We need a healthy debate & balance of views that the ABC provides.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:22 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off the ABC

The ABC is a wonderful institution that has served generations of Australians, young and old. I grew up with Playschool and the sound of the 7 o'clock news starting. My kids now watch Playschool and I watch the 7 o'clock news. If the ABC is privatised so begins the path to the only stuff available will be Married at First Sight and the Bachelor and associated garbage. This cannot be !!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:22 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC - so we know what's really happening.

Without the ABC our television viewing will be reduced to fuelling the depths of cheap reality tv - which is cheap, ugly, banal, meaningless, thought-sapping drivel.

Shows on dating, cooking, survival in the wild will foster just the skill sets we need as we plummet the planet into climate chaos. We inform and educate when the choices are so gloomy. Is it really the best road to ruin.

Keep the ABC public and I can keep my hopes up.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:22 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Our ABC in public hands always

ABC is always the first channel my family turns to. Starting with the B1&B2 characters which my children remember so fondly. Then the current affairs program like 7:30 & investigative journalism at its best on Four Corners. Many a time the government of the day is pushed into action because of some topic aired on Four Corners.

I have tremendous respect & admiration for all the people who bring us this quality Australian content. Who can forget the original Australian serials like Sea Change and more recently Mystery Road. Simply entertaining. There is a long list too many programs to name individually.

I love trust & respect the ABC. It has to remain in public hands. Plan B not required!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:22 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not privatise the ABC!

Governments do not hold enquiries unless they have already decided the outcome they want. Clearly, given the overwhelming vote of the National Council of the Liberal Party last week, the Party and the Government want to sell the ABC. I thought the Liberal Party was a Conservative party! Clearly it is not. Instead it is a party populated by ultra right members who seem unable to support free speech other than their own. Isn't this how totalitarian regimes operate? How shameful that a first world democracy plans to rip apart an institution that has served our country so well for so many years. How could privatising the ABC in any way make for a better informed public? There is nothing like the ABC amongst the private broadcasters. How could anyone trust the independence of a privately owned broadcaster funded by revenue from commercial sponsorship that without question will influence editorial policy. This proposal is public vandalism. The Liberal Party should hang its head in shame that it is promoting and supporting this agenda.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:22 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC- A Big Catastophe (if you sell)

Privatise the ABC?  
Are you kidding me?  
Play school or American Nickelodeon?  
Annabelle Crabb or Eddy McQuire?  
Sarah Ferguson or a dumb blonde?  
Media Watch or Current Affair?  
Cross promotion or bad shows interrupting ads?  
Jon Faine or a shock jock?  
Sammy Shah and Jacinta Parsons or Hughesy and Kate?  
Four Corners or 60 Minutes?  
ABC online news or Buzz Feed?  
Kiri or Neighbours?  
Silent Witness or Bachelor in Paradise?  
Australian Story or Family Feud?  
Gruen or The Living Room?

Murdoch and his nasty mates can take the fortune they've already made over the years blocking us from good TV and be grateful for what they have. They can keep their gambling ads and their mostly low rent rubbish and let us keep our national broadcaster.


What sensible country sells that?

Seen American "news" yet apart from PBS and the odd other bit and piece?

Leave it alone. Sell a coal mine, sell your self, sell out your mates but leave the ABC ALONE!!!!!!

PLEEEEEASSSEEE! Or don't, and see Labour win...

You can't really be so desperate for a Pauline Hanson vote!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:22 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands Off Our ABC

Our ABC sets the standard by which the integrity and value of the commercial media's offerings of news, drama and other content can be measured and held to account.

In an increasingly fragmenting social media influenced society respected and trustworthy sources of information are vital.

All of Australia (including regional and rural areas) need to share a common ground. As an independent government corporation, our ABC provides such common ground and with great integrity connects all Australians.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:22 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC public

The only national safeguard to Australia's culture and citizenship is "our" ABC. Radio and TV - it serves us all - right across the range of diversity - and it reflects us as Australians in Australia and in the world. Keep the uglies like Pauline Hanson and Mitch FIFIELD and Eric ABETZ (the twig falls not far from his particular family background tree - as he proves every day) away from the ABC!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:22 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Not yours to sell: keep our fantastic ABC in public hands!!

Speaking for my own family, the ABC is a huge part of our lives, and always has been. For decades, the ABC has been the source of dependable news, culture and entertainment for my family and our friends. It is truly shocking to see what looks awfully like ideological warfare waged on a public, common good. The ABC through its consistently excellent journalism holds the powerful to account, AS IT SHOULD. In a world of Fake News, we in Australia need public scrutineers more than ever before. Culturally speaking, we also desperately need more ABC home-grown drama, comedy, commentary, children's programming and other things the ABC excels at producing ... not less. We need the ABC to scrutinise the actions of the powerful. If the powerful cannot bear scrutiny and do not wish to be held accountable, then they do not deserve the honour of representing and legislating on behalf of the Australian people. The ABC belongs to Australians -- not to a political party to sell off because of their partisan agenda. Save our national public broadcaster!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:22 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC public

The ABC often attracts criticism from both sides of politics. This shows that it is doing its job. Those who wish to privatise the ABC want to turn it into another mouth piece for commercially powerful vested interests.  
Australia needs an independent voice that can tackle the difficult issues unfettered by some owner.

Those who wish to privatise the ABC are trying to hid their own inadequacies behind a "cost saving" falsehood.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:22 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** It's our ABC

The ABC is a treasured institution that must be preserved. Here are reasons why:

1. The ABC reaches an extremely wide audience including, but recently less so because of budget cuts, an international audience.
  2. ABC TV is a breeding ground for a wide range of new media enterprises. This has been proved time and again.
  3. The ABC has been a forerunner in embracing new media such as weblinks, podcasts, digital streaming etc.
  4. The ABC provides vital services to rural Australia in the form of weather and stock radio reports and TV programs such as landline (now axed because of budget cuts).
- Most importantly the ABC is an unbiased reporter of national and international news and current affairs.  
Hands off our ABC!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:22 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Our ABC should stay in public hands, with full Government funding!

I am a rural ABC listener/Watcher. I need the information that the ABC provides in order to stay aware of the local area, Australia, & the world. The ABC makes or co-produces some first class programs which are topical as well as entertaining (as an example, the current series Back Roads (documentary), or Mystery Road (Detective series).

There has been a comment that the City ABC could be separated from the Rural ABC network. Personally, I think this would be counter-productive. There would still be the need for a management team, & we would lose all the great information the ABC reporters can supply, because it is doubtful the separated entity could support the current news service. There is also the need for a strong ABC in times of trouble: Bushfires, Floods, or heaven forbid, another war.

Please keep the ABC in Public hands, with sufficient funding to operate.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:21 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands .

I think we need to keep the ABC public because I don't want to see another crappy commercial tv station that is totally biased , which is what would happen if the ABC were to go private . I feel that the ABC is neutral and very honest . It's a channel I grew up with and I love so many of the programs they have . It is a part of our Australian culture . It needs to stay the SAME !

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:21 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not privatise the ABC

I am appalled by the actions of the Turnbull government to attempt privatising the ABC. The whole point of a public broadcaster is to be unbiased and unrelenting when pursuing malfeasance by both government and private enterprise. Time and again the ABC has proved their worth and dedication to the truth. I rarely watch television anymore, but when I do it is the ABC I turn to. The only 'undue advantage' that the ABC has over commercial outlets is that they are unbiased, other television channels have their owners and shareholders dictating their policies and affiliations. For many years I watched programs like the 7.30 report, Four Corners and Landline, because they pursue the truth in an unbiased manner.

I do not live in a regional area, but my heart goes out to those who do. They rely on the ABC as their source of news.


The younger members of my family grew up with Play School, and a myriad of other quality junior programs, which they adored.

It seems to me that the current push to privatise is politically motivated by a Coalition that is scared to be held accountable for their actions, a sure indication that the ABC is doing their job.

The commercial stations have an obvious bias, they don't want any competition, which the popular ABC is.

How can we say we are a democratic country when our government is trying to stifle and eradicate our most trustworthy and unbiased news network.

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WA 6107 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:21 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC must be kept public!

I am horrified that my children may grow up without access to TV without constant advertising, news without a corporate sponsor or advertising requirements to answer to, and the standards of public entertainment and information which are available nowhere else but from the ABC. Privatising the ABC would be a sickening loss of independence of the media in Australia. ABC must be kept in public hands.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:21 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not privatise our ABC

I watch and enjoy the ABC far more often than commercial channels as the programs (even the repeats) are more interesting and informative than the commercial channels.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:21 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Electoral Legislation Amendment

I would like to add my family and children grew up with the ABC it produced documentaries on a range of subjects for our school projects and also my uncle listens to whats left of ABC radio Australia once or twice a week and he lives in Canada , privatisation for Mr Murdoch will not help the ABC it will ruin it just the tax cuts are doing now so please leave it as a public broadcaster because in this country we hardly own anything anymore.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:21 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC public Please

Privatisation does not appear to be in the best interest of the people  
It will end up costing viewers and reduce an open platform for people to express through their art

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:21 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep it free and independent

Our ABC is the envy of the world. Other countries recognise it as leading media organisation alongside the BBC and others. We need to have independent well financed public broadcasting. If the ABC and SBS are threatened. I will campaign for the first time in my life fiercely against any privatisation.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:21 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Public broadcaster should not be privatised

The ABC is the only channel our family regularly watches - we trust the news not to be 'for sale', we get our information from the science and consumer education shows, we love the programs which other stations don't show until well after their production dates (like David Attenborough specials) and hate the thought that watching these programs in future will involve wading through adverts and massive editorial changes. The ABC (and SBS) needs to stay in public hands to ensure that the mindless drivel of endless Survivor or MKR shows are balanced with thoughtful journalism and serious content. We need the ABC to ensure genuine Australian content is available on Australian televisions, and to keep an alternative available to the commercial channels. The only advantage ABC and SBS have over commercial operations is the advantage they give to the Australians who watch them! For the sake of social cohesion, as the ABC and SBS support multiculturalism in Australia, these channels need to stay in the hands of the public. And for the sake of democracy, having channels to represent wider viewpoints can only be a good thing.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:21 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands


I am a voter and taxpayer, paying over \$40,000 per year in tax. I have the right to say that the ABC is to stay in public hands. THE ABC is the only channel that I can trust to give me objective information and ad-free entertainment that doesn't poison my kids minds with marketing. The ABC and its other channels are the only stations we watch (ABC, ABC2, ABC kids, SBS and NITV) because of these reasons.

The Government cannot give a guarantee that the ABC will stay objective, factual and ad-free if it is privatised.

Additionally, the 'evidence' that conservative politicians are trying to use to legitimise selling the ABC is about as credible and legitimate as John Howard's evidence for dismantling ATSIC - total BS.

DO not privatise the ABC - if you do, I'll vote for the Greens.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:21 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands Off Our Precious ABC!

I am writing this submission as I am VERY concerned that any move to privatise our wonderful, precious and very important ABC would see some sort of uprising as the ABC is crucial to maintaining a democracy here in Australia.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:21 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC must not be privatised -

Of course the ABC must remain independent - commercial stations run by market forces are shockingly bereft of intelligent news, analysis and god-awful drama mostly.

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NSW 2031




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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:21 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABCFree from privatisation

No ads on the ABC. Keep ownership in public hands

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WA 6167 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:21 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please leave the ABC alone!!

I am really annoyed that the Government's political parties are wanting to privatise the ABC. I am 74 years of age and I have been tuned into ABC Radio all my life: At 7 years old I heard my first cricket broadcast on the radio and have been an avid fan of the ABC's cricket coverage ever since. I try to tune in to every match on ABC radio, even to the extent sometimes of having (commercial) TV on with their sound muted, whilst hearing ABC's radio commentary (is that an ABC radio cricket tragic or what?) I have listened regularly every day to ABC local radio in Sydney where I grew up, and in more recent years on the South Coast of NSW. I also tune in daily to youthful JJJ (I am age 74!) -- I love their fresh programmes, and particularly current affairs Hack at 5.30pm, it's a brilliant straight-to-the-point programme with a wonderful aspect on the young people in our community, even us young-at-heart oldies love it. On the rare occasions that I hear commercial radio, I feel obliged to fairly quickly turn it off -- the commercial ads are so annoying -- I can't stand listening to the junk they broadcast. Please just let the ABC get on with their wonderful service which so many of us just totally enjoy. PS: I am still annoyed that SBS was forced to adopt commercial advertising, they have some great programmes too, but the ads are just so repetitious and agitate me totally.....

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:21 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC put if private hands

I watch and listen to the ABC whenever I switch on the television or the radio. I do so because that what hear is nuanced and the reporting courageous. The so-called "Far Right" would say it's biased because we are actually being given various perspectives on political issues rather than the always 'Right' views of the media barons. Privatisation of the ABC would be a shocking development as there would only be more self interested reporting by another rich media owner.

Privatising the ABC would be a severe blow to free speech and democracy as a, whole.

I'd like to suggest the Far Right take some notice of constructive critique by those not on their side of politics.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:21 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

My family have a long history of watching the ABC. In fact three generations of viewers. It is so important to have a medium which is not driven by the profit margin and the ABC provides that. So many times it has been the ABC that has introduced shows that have proved so popular as well as a wide range of cultural stories and news issues. The budget cuts to the ABC over the past couple of years should never have occurred.

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

The ABC has no commercial advantage because it is not there to make money. The ABC is unbiased and contributes to the wellbeing of the nation. A role it cannot fulfill if it was sold. Hands off the ABC Pauline.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:20 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** I do NOT want MY ABC privatised

I grew up with the ABC, I enjoy watching many of it's programmes, I trust it's news coverage and I am grateful when 4 corners exposes things that need to be fixed...I never ever want to be at the mercy of corpoptate culture and shudder at being left with no alternative to populist pap.

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

The majority of my TV viewing is either the ABC and SBS, and I certainly don't find the news and current affairs coverage biased, and has far less political bias, and greater accuracy, than any media outlet owned by Rupert Murdoch. I firmly believe the ABC is one of the great Australian institutions, and unlike that other large public institution, namely Federal and State governments, would enjoy far more respect and trust. So how about removing some of the travel rorts and other privileges enjoyed by politicians and restore funding to the ABC?

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

I don't want the abc to be privatised as it is a trusted station and part of our Australian identity. From our trusted children's shows spanning decades, to our impartial four corners and 7.30 report. We must keep it in public hands!!!,

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

The ABC needs to remain in public hands, as someone who lives in a regional area of NSW this is our last source of current affairs and news, with Illawarra ABC tailored to our region's needs.  
Hands off our ABC

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NSW 2575 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:20 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC is a public broadcaster that must be maintained

I use the ABC for its music, news, and range of views presented without fear or favour. If it is not in the mix of broadcasters then we are too subject to commercial views and dont know what to believe. Other commercial stations cannot be relied on in the same way as ABC. It promotes local music entertainment and events in a way no other station does.

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

The ABC's Four Corners, The Business and Insiders have been my trusted news source for almost as long as I can remember. The ABC is a priceless asset that should never be sold.


Current Coalition moves to privatise the ABC don't take into account the ABC's true value to our community and economy. A recent report by Deloitte Access Economics showed that the ABC contributed \$1 billion to the national economy last financial year. The ABC provides jobs for 4,000 employees and a further 2,500 full time jobs across its supply chain.

The ABC must stay in public hands in order to remain a trusted independent public broadcaster. In a time of emotive Tweets and sound grabs that appeal to humanity's basest instincts, the ABC is one of the last bastions of independent journalism. It should be supported as one of the world's shining examples of independent journalism, not run down and trashed by narrow commercial and political interests. The constant attacks on the ABC by the Coalition appear to be very much motivated by a desire to silence independent and balanced journalism.

Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media. For our democracy's sake, keep the ABC in public hands!

Sincerely

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

Please leave the ABC in public hands because we have already have evidence of what happens when private companies television & radio stations. The quality of programs falls to the level of reality television & radio stations become the domain of shock jocks & other talk back radio programs. The news is trivialised to bites, glamour women fronting weather reports & the constant interruption of advertisements. There is no opportunity for serious discussion of news or questioning of politicians on policy. The ABC may not be perfect. Indeed it has followed the commercial channels downwards but at least there is some opportunity for investigative journalism & a break from watching the trash on Channels 7,9 & 10.

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

Hello,

I live in Melbourne and am a filmmaker, I rely on the ABC to produce unbiased, journalism and programming. You cannot cut any more funding to the ABC, and you cannot privatise it. If anything you should be giving back the funding you have been cutting in recent years so the ABC can continue to support local filmmakers, artists, comedians, journalists and everyday Australians.

The Australian media landscape will be devastated if these cuts continue to happen. The Australian media landscape will lose its moral journalistic backbone if the ABC is privatised.

In an age of Trump and fake news, the ABC is more important than ever. Do the right thing. Stand up for independent public broadcasting.

Please do not bow down to hard right fascists.

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

The ABC, funded with our tax payer dollars, must be always totally independent of government intervention. It is NOT there to serve you. It is OUR ABC, cherished and loved, the only station I watch. My tax payer dollars keep it free from being commercialised. It produces great programs but is being seriously compromised by your government slashing its funds. I demand that proper funding be re-instituted.

Keep your hands off my ABC.

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


ABC is the ONLY media outlet that serves what media/journalism should perform in a democracy — to be the unbiased, fact-based, non-agenda driven outlet that keeps the government and other institutions accountable and to then inform the average citizen. The ABC is the only home where we have actual quality investigative journalism with fourcorners that broke so many major stories, some leading to royal commissions (not token investigation like the so-called fear driven [REDACTED] we see on commercial TV that seek to deceive and NOT educate).

The ABC is also the ONLY place that teaches you to be skeptical, to look at evidence, to question, consumer education - shows such as Gruen and Checkout does just that. No other commercial channel, where the reliance is on advertising revenue WILL ever educate in a way that gets in the way of corporate interest.

Keep ABC public. It is the only last frontier we have that ensures we have an accountable democracy and fights against the dumbing down of the nation.

The ABC diversity is programming always ensures I learn about other citizens in the community in a positive manner. That education and diversity has never been replicated by any of the commercial channels we have.

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

Leave the ABC alone. I listen to no other channel or stations and I value this institution so much. It is so vastly different from commercial stations. It is honest and refined and intelligent. I cannot bear the tackiness of the others .We must have an independent voice not compromised by commercial interests.Leave alone

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

As someone who has listened and watched the ABC for over 70 years it is important to me that it stays a public broadcaster. Do not privatise The ABC which belongs to the people of Australia.

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

Globalisation is here and so is the loss of community. The ABC keeps us connected to who we are as Australians, our voice is represented, it is real, it challenges us and our children to be better thinkers, to question, to laugh and to identify. I am happy to pay to have that culture in my life. It should be treasured and protected. I grew up on it. It is a part of the family and is the anchor in our home. Keep your hands off Liberals!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:19 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Kindly leave the ABC alone

Please maintain funding for our ABC, further cuts harm the quality of news and informative discourse in society. Recent political attacks are unnecessary to an organisation that holds itself to high journalistic standards and ensures a balanced perspective. Any talk of privatisation is ridiculous and if pursued will lead me to become politically active for the first time in my life.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:19 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands.

I write this submission to request that our ABC is kept in public hands. Being in control of content is absolutely important to my family. I have a six year old daughter and her viewing is restricted to the ABC - because I can trust it's content. My only viewing of tv during the week is on ABC ... Australian story and 4 Corners - because I trust this content.

I am extremely anxious about the recent attacks by the coalition on our ABC ... at the moment we are one of the luckiest countries in the world as the ABC delivers a balanced view of the news. I ask that this basic fundamental right of being able to access unbiased news continues on. The hard right aim to take away this right by privatising the ABS.

Our public broadcaster plays a crucial role in ensuring our democratic rights are upheld and not watered down. Quite simply the ABC shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:19 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not privatise the Australian Broadcasting Commission

I rely on the ABC as our (Australian) national broadcaster to deliver up to date factual information. I live in rural regional NSW, work west of Bourke and strangely my only international, national and local news & current affairs is delivered by the ABC. FOX etal seem to be MIA. When an institution such as the ABC is vilified by both major political parties then it has my full confidence. I respectfully suggest that as a retiree, that should any political party or parties attempt to go down the privatisation road I would feel compelled to actively campaign against those political parties.

Yours Sincerely,  
[REDACTED] (electorate of Page)

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NSW 2480 


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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:19 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** On the need to keep the ABC and SBS in public hands

I am a swinging voter. I look carefully for well thought out and well researched public policy when I assess the candidates for whom I vote in any election, local, state or federal. This I do in a responsibly held effort in order to protect our hard won democracy and way of life. One of the most significant ways that I have found to do this is by continuing with my life long dedication to Radio National on the ABC. In fact recently I have described RN to a friend as the Open University of Australia. What commercial entity is going to bother to provide that sort of value for money to the people of this vast land. Other radio broadcasting from the network complements this major contribution in my life while 4 Corners, the 7.30 Report, Media Watch, Q & A and Gruen provide top line up when I have time for Television. I cannot see any of this quality being maintained in a commercial sphere where only dollar value spins the wheels. Who will ask the politicians the awkward questions in an effort to maintain transparency in our democracy? Where will we get reliable information from if that were to happen? I can only think that the Liberals had taken leave of their senses to vote at their Council to privatise the ABC. Not a well thought out public policy!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:19 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Privatisation of the ABC

To whom it may concern,  
The independence of journalism and broadcasting that is run in the public interest and not for private gain must be protected. Please do not privatise the ABC. Protect this and the integrity of programming for children with their education at heart, not commercialism or popularity.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:19 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC must remain in public hands

The ABC is more than just another media provider. It is an Australian icon that prioritises Australian content and should continue to be supported through Government funding. The public trusts the ABC in reporting as it is the only broadcaster not owned privately and therefore not subject to an owner's censorship.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:19 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do NOT sell off the ABC.

The ABC is one of the few places not tainted corporations determined to show only one side of the story and not afraid to expose actual news without much political bias. Privatising that will destroy their ability to report the truth as they will become yet another for-profit hole full of mindless drivel and "reality" shows bent on one thing only - profit

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:19 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off OUR ABC

Every day I wake up to ABC FM 92.9. Every night I watch Channel 2. If I change stations, it will be Channel 24, ABC News. My favorite programme is Q and A followed closely by Media Watch. I grew up in the country with the ABC as my daily companion. Why, I used to be an argonaut. I am already grieving the loss of the ABC shops and the demise of Graham Abbott and his Keys to Music. You sell off MY ABC at your peril - it is the voice of Australia, the voice I wish to hear. Now more than ever, with so much news coming from social media and the shock jocks, we need our ABC. I would have thought with the bad experience we have had with privatizing our energy supply and the Lands Title Office in Sydney, we would learn that some things are just not up for grabs. Hands off OUR ABC if you ever want my vote again.

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NSW 2114 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:19 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** KEEP ABC PUBLIC

DO NOT PRIVATISE THE ABC. It is one of the only IMPARTIAL news bodies we have left. I know you Liberals are scared of the ABC because they call you out in your rubbish policies, they way you promise one thing then deliver the opposite, but it's not all against you Libs. If any of you even bothered to pay the slightest iota of your attention to the ABC you would realise that they dig into and call to account the Labor Party, the Greens and the independents just as much as the Liberals.

How DARE you have the nerve to even SUGGEST privatising this profound organisation. They don't just Iberian us if our politicians doings, programs like Four Corners and Catalyst have exposed numerous illegal actions that have had profound impacts on society and business.

STOP RUNNING SCARED.

IT IS PATHETIC.

AUSTRALIANS NEED THE ABC TI STAY IN THE HANDS OF THE PUBLIC.

THE ABC IS A NATIONAL INSTITUTION. IT BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE, IT IS NOT UP TO YOU TO PRIVATISE IT. IT IS FUNDED WITH TAX PAYER DOLLARS THEREFORE THE TAXPAYER SHOULD HAVE THEY FINAL SAY, NOT YOU

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:19 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** It's our ABC, not yours.

I do not endorse the privatisation of the ABC. It is the only quality, trustworthy, independent broadcaster on television! Programs like Four Corners and the 7.30 report provide essential information to the people of this country. Privatisation of the ABC would undermine democracy at its core. The people of this country pay the bills, we are the largest shareholders of all, it's our ABC not yours, keep your hands off.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:19 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC needed to support Science

Privatisation of the ABC is an oxymoron. Commercial 'broadcasting' companies are not 'Australian' because they favour cheap overseas content or mindless 'reality tv'. And they mostly don't 'broadcast' in the sense that they do not provide coverage outside the capital cities. They don't provide public interest programs like The Science Show, The Health Report, Background Briefing, Rear Vision, Play School, Four Corners... And then there's Classic Music. Not everything has to run at a profit. For example, Parliament, and Courts of Law. I would add prisons too. Roads and the sewage system. Science and Technology are essential in a modern society and need to be represented in the media that bombard us. Only the ABC, and not the commercial media, provide any meaningful science content. If the ABC were commercialised, that would be lost, lowering the IQ of the nation.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:19 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** don't privatise the ABC

I watch almost exclusively the ABC - the high quality of the programmes, the reliability of the enquiries and documentaries, the fact that programmes are NOT dependent on meeting commercial targets are all factors in my decision. Why - after decades of having publicly funded radio and TV - should it suddenly become desirable NOT to have them? Could you please answer this question? We have always lived in a society where there are commercial interests, and it has always been valued for us - the people of Australia, the people after all who PAY for the ABC - to have public broadcasters. It is actually a horrifying proposal for the government to be considering. It upsets me as much as, for example, the inadequate funding under all governments for people who are mentally ill. Without a broadcaster that is NOT dependent on selling products to pay for their content - how can we trust the reporting that we get? Or the wide spectrum of programmes? Yours sincerely, [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:19 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC the way it is !!

The ABC is the only ethical tv station ,with no bias

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:19 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC must remain in public hands and funded at a level fit to meet its charter

The ABC is a central pillar to my life. I access it via radio, app or TV every day.  
I will fight to have it retained in public hands by every legal means.  
I am very disturbed by the prospect of its slow dismemberment as Liberal promises to spare it from cuts or privatisation sound very hollow.  
I would happily pay more tax if it was dedicated to funding of the ABC.

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WA 6000 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:19 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Public Broadcasting

Hello,  
I am writing in defense of a public ABC.

In this increasingly polarized world it becomes ever more important to have an independent news source beholden to no private interests. This becomes especially important in Australia where we have such a highly concentrated media ownership landscape (<http://theconversation.com/factcheck-is-australias-level-of-media-ownership-concentration-one-of-the-highest-in-the-world-68437>). While people may say that there is Bias at the ABC it is legally mandated to remain neutral (and has proved to be time and time again), private media organisations have no such requirement and abuse their position repeatedly to stifle conversation, demean opposition and to sway public opinion based on lies and half truths.

In addition, the ABC and other public entities (SBS, jjj, etc.) are leading incubators of Australian culture. To put this into private hands where money and profit take center stage will do irreparable damage to Australian culture will do future generations a great disservice.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:19 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't cripple the ABC!

The Science Show  
The Health Report  
The Religion and Ethics Report  
The Law Report  
All In The Mind  
Big Ideas  
Books and Ideas  
The Music Show  
ABC FM Classical

I'm 71. I suffer from terrible insomnia. I listen to all these programs in the early hours of the morning, along with the BBC World Business Report and Breakfast on Radio National. Any commercial owner would kill these off without a care.

The ABC is the only source of intellectual stimulation on radio.

Don't touch!!!!

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[REDACTED]  
WA 6036 

**From:** [redacted] <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:19 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't interfere with the only independent journalism organization in Australia

I love the ABC and listen and watch it for virtually all my news and current affairs content. Why? 1: their independence from commercial or political interests. 2; the content on radio National is not available anywhere else in its seriousness and depth.3; They have done virtually all the serious investigative journalism in Australia in the last ten years. The contrast with the Murdoch media is huge ; they have done incredibly unethical things like email hacking and don't look at anything that would not be in the owners interests.4; the ABC do the only quality arts, children, regional and current affairs content.5; previous Enquiries have found no evidence of any bias to the left( look at the Dastyari investigation) . The Liberal parties move to the far right of average Australians is not a reason to hobble the ABC so it is a communist like government news service rather than an independent organization committed to reporting truth and both sides of a debate which I believe they do.6; I believe commercial interests who want to charge for news services are pushing the government to do this. I think the real investigation should've into the strength of their lobbying and the extent of their financial support to the government.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:19 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off the ABC

Leave the ABC alone. It's the peoples' ABC Not the coalition

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:19 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC public


I really love the ABC the way it is with no privatisation. Privatisation would change it to being a commercial endeavour instead of for the public good.

I avoid commercial channels now and rarely watch or listen to anything but the ABC because the commercial channels have a plethora of ads and too many shallow programs. The ABC provides quality and great value for money.

When I lived in NZ and their equivalent of the ABC was privatised I stopped watching it because there were so many commercials.

It is great the way it is so don't fix what ain't broke please. In fact, please increase its funding.

Thank you for considering my submission.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:18 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The value of our ABC

The ABC is the media organisation able to provide in depth information and news. My family and I know that we are well informed when we watch the Drum (daily) and are able to get a broad understanding of the issues affecting our country & our community. I know that I can empathise with farmers and their experience of drought because I'm able to watch Landline & other programs which unite our country. If we didn't have a public ABC we would be dependant on limited and hate filled viewed from the Murdock Press and not able to hear all perspectives.

I ask you to keep your hands off the ABC and not be influenced by right wing media & think tanks. It's easy to believe that all these cuts (800 staff in 3 years) and loud criticism must impact on the quality of our ABC & my family & I will be voting for whoever is loudest in their support for the ABC because I know that Australia needs informed citizens and we can only get that from our public broadcaster which doesn't try to influence us for private gain.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:18 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC to remain as is

The ABC produces an extraordinary range of excellent quality, without commercials. It produces variety and thoughtful content. It also produces excellent drama series which are thought provoking. ABC MUST remain as is with the budget cuts reversed

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:18 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

ABC is perfect just the way it is and should be supported by our government. They seem to find money to go towards Murdoch media and he sure as hell doesn't need it.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:18 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The A.B.C belongs to the Australian community

There's only one independent broadcaster with the true welfare of the community as it's ethos - the A.B.C  
There's only one independent broadcaster who asks those in power the hard questions and to answer for their actions - the A.B.C.

There's only one independent broadcaster that serves the community by not being indebted to political or financial masters - the A.B.C.

I urge the Inquiry to recommend the A.B.C stay in the hands or it's the rightful owners; those who have paid for it's existence over a almost 90 year period and depend on it for truth and honesty in public affairs – the Australian people.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:18 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

I cannot imagine what a disaster it would be to put the ABC in private hands. My family value the ABC for its independent cover of issues which are important to us. I would only vote for politicians who openly support an independent national broadcaster.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:18 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** It is OUR ABC and it must remain in public hands

The ABC is a national treasure and must remain in public hands. It is vital that we retain a independent national broadcaster that tells Australian stories, for everyone.

It would be an absolute travesty if future generations were robbed of the joy of the ABC.

As a child growing up in an isolated rural area, the ABC was one of two channels and a lifeline to the outside world.

This is an issue about which I feel strongly, and will protest vigorously, as will everyone I know.

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VIC 3051





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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:17 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not privatise the ABC

Dear Committee,

I urge you to reconsider privatising the ABC. The ABC is one of the most trusted media outlets and it extremely important to those who live in remote or regional areas. The ABC is the only media channel that has the diversity of programs that the commercial stations will not broadcast. The ABC included many outstanding programs like the Science Show, RN and host of other programs which would not be broadcast on a commercial station. The ABC is an iconic broadcaster and it would destroy the ABC if it were privatised.

Furthermore it is playing straight in to the hands of the labour government as it will cause a lot of swing voter to favour labour if this were to happen.

SBS and ABC play an irreplaceable role that deserves public funding in a truly democratic society. It's much more objective than any of the commercial outlets and the ABC is the only media outlet which is focussed on Australia rather than foreign content and it is not comparable to commercial content. The ABC is unique and independent and should remain so.

The inquiry is simply a smoke screen and launched as a smoke screen with Pauline Hanson's one nation and the Turnbull government over its news service so as to give ammunition for privatising the ABC.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Kind regards,

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ACT 2604



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:17 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Dont stuff up the ABC

The ABC is an Australian Icon. Don't ruin it

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NSW 2441




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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:17 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Save our ABC

It is vital that we have a public broadcaster that is fiercely independent. I want my funds going there. It is one of the happiest ways for me to spend my money. ABC needs MORE Govt funding not sold to media giants.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:17 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please keep the ABC as it should be - PUBLIC with high standards

Please keep the ABC public so that, firstly, its news remains impartial and isn't just a platform for one or two people's agendas but a professional, honest, upfront, and objective reporting, and secondly to keep up the quality programming.

Thank you for giving this matter your attention.

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NSW 2217 


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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:17 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't Sell the ABC

No way will I ever vote for a political party that wants to sell the ABC. The ABC belongs to the people of Australia. Selling it would be the beginning of the end of free press in our country and lead to the rise of Trump-ism and hand the power to shock-jocks. No way!! Not in my country. BTW I'm over 60 and live in a swinging seat.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:17 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keeping the ABC publicly owned.

It's so important to have non commercial, intelligent and in depth information available to all. The commercial media in Australia are sensationalist, venal, mendacious and only exist to make a dollar, however this may be done.

Newspapers like the Tele disgust me. The owner's agenda is obvious and not in anyone's interests except his.

I listen to many ABC programs which would otherwise not exist.

It's s similar story with public health. If everything has to make a profit, many worthwhile things would not exist.

This will certainly and hopefully lead to the government losing office.

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NSW 2830




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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:17 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off our A

In our home, there is never any question as to what channel to select each evening. The ABC 7:00pm News is our trusted source of local, national and international news. In an age of fake news and unreliable providers, ABC presenters and reporters stand out for their integrity and balance in keeping us informed. Along with this, news analysis shows including 7:30 Report and 4 Corners provide credible long form journalistic evaluations of world events. Australia needs a free and well resourced ABC!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:17 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** do not privatise the ABC

The ABC has quality, independent news & current affairs that helps keep the government & politicians honest! It also produces some of the best shows on television.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:17 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not Privatisise the ABC

An independent fourth estate is a linchpin of democracy. When the profit motive is involved this independence is corrupted. The ABC is the last mainstream media outlet remaining, to possess even a shred of independence. Privatising the ABC is a blatant attack on our democratic processes. If there were no independent source of information, no one would have the means to get true, unbiased information on which to decide how to vote - verily to decide how to do anything. As it stands at the moment all profit-driven media outlets in this country except the ABC, are controlled by vested interests and editorially influenced by their respective CEO's. Their content approaches a character of propaganda. Only the ABC remains.

I urge you to maintain the ABC in public hands and increase its funding so that there can be an independent source of free information on which to base important decisions and our democracy is not corrupted further.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:17 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

Independent journalism is the cornerstone of democracy

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:16 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** National Broadcaster Competitive Neutrality

Our national broadcasters have no undue advantage over commercial broadcasters. You only have to look and the size and profitability of the commercial broadcasters to see this.

Our national broadcasters are a vital service that meet different needs to the commercial broadcasters. To de-fund or constrain them for petty political reasons would be a disastrous blow to Australia's social and democratic integrity.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:16 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in Public hands

I am very concerned about the move to privatise our ABC. Public Broadcasting is about representing the concerns, interests and ideas of the Public.

Commercial networks and corporate media, in the chase for ratings and profits, produce a uniformity of content, ideas and dialogue that do not always represent the public interest.

My greatest concern is that we will see a decline in fair, representative content and move towards a more US Fox Media style of broadcasting which will seriously undermine our democracy. It's malignant, hard right agenda is dangerous.


Leave our ABC in public hands. It's value cannot be overestimated.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:16 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

I love the news, Four Corners and other reporting shows on the ABC because they are unbiased. It is essential to democracy to maintain a public, unprivatised media outlet because of its lack of bias towards corrupt financial interests.

Dr [REDACTED]

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NSW 2488 


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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:16 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands Off the ABC

Australia is fortunate to have an outstanding public broadcaster. Through the ABC we are provided with a view of the world and its events which we trust and respect. It is critical we maintain this ability through our ABC to understand both our own country and its place in a changing world. Governments must support the ABC unreservedly through clear policy and sufficient funding.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:16 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands Off Our ABC!

The vast majority of Australians, like me, want the ABC just the way it is - in public ownership. Most of us are appalled by the ongoing campaign by the coalition government to denigrate and bully the ABC simply because it disseminates an even handed news and current affairs service rather than the propaganda machine, News Corp, who continually pump out stuff in favour of the government. I urge you to keep our ABC in public hands.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:16 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

Hi,  
I am writing to ask the ABC is not privatised. This would be devastating for Australian society. I've watched it my entire life and the shows it has aired have brought me great joy and education. At the moment it is the only station which shows anything of substance and comedic value, aside the SBS. The commercial channels are unbearable and undermine the Australian spirit. I am also concerned that it is the only news source for people in many parts of regional Australia. When I lived overseas, one of the things I missed the most was the ABC and the journalism and comedy shows. Please do not privatise the ABC.

Thanks,  
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NSW 2758 



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:16 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not see our only objective Australian media

I rarely write letters like this. However I am so appalled at the governments intention to sell the ABC that I'm compelled to have a say. It is years since I've watched/listened to commercial television or radio. The bias, lack of objectivity and the manipulation (or avoidance ) of the facts drove me away. I praise the humanist and factual approach and the clear values of the ABC. I FEEL served by the ABC and not commercial, Foxtel or similar comes anywhere near the quality of information and shows produced by the ABC  
Don't fall victims to the hard, extreme right of the coalition as they do not have the best interests of the Australian people in mind

I already listen to the BBC World Service don't leave this as my only option remaining  
Sincerely

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NSW 2042 


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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:16 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC to be defended

As an open-minded member of the public, I'm also sometimes challenged from opinions and programs across the ABC. Yet, that is but one reason why the ABC is so great, so real, so loved. The ABC is a reflection of our diversity, as it attempts to maintain and honour the covenant of reporting facts based on verifiable evidence. There is no other mainstream hedge in this country against total news flow control by few very powerful men than the ABC – that is in the public interest. The ABC remaining in public hands is totally in the public's interest! I truly love dearly the ABC, since early childhood, it's a part of our fabric and culture. As a pacifist, the only thing that could draw me into a civil war in this country is if Murdoch thinks he is going to run this place, either via his personal hand or via his puppets in government and throughout his network - Guthrie included. Hands off our ABC thanks.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:16 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Our ABC is already corroded. It must be freed from its current diminished state and revitalised.

To Whom it may Concern,  
Liberal Party appointments have already corrupted the ABC's integrity.  
When Catalyst aired Wi Fried, an excellent piece on the risks to health from microwave telecommunications, there was a backlash. Big telecom/Big Wi Fi made sure that the journalist was fired and the program removed.  
Much of ABC News is now MSM propaganda. Hillary Clinton, a darling of the media not long ago is on the verge of indictment with criminal charges in her own country.  
Yet, the ABC somehow surfaces with real journalism from time to time and this would be utterly lost if commercialised. Commercial TV is little more than stupefying entertainment that distracts from real thinking. We do not need another such channel serving Corporate interests.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:16 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** This Govt must not privatise and sell off the ABC. This is our ABC and not the Governments to sell off. It is clear that our Govt does not like any form of criticism and wants to emasculate our broadcaster and let Murdoch have a crack at buying it ! Glad

As above

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:16 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Privatisation of ABC

To whom it may concern,

Privatising the ABC would cost the Government in ways that could not be measured in dollar value. The current government is already suffering from a lack of trust in the population. A Government not open to scrutiny and unwilling to engage in open dialogue is immediately perceived as having a hidden agenda. Attacking free speech because the content is disliked is a method practiced by dictatorship, totalitarian regimes. The general population will understand this and regard the attack accordingly.

Most Australians understand the importance of the ABC in balancing the media scape. The ABC gives important services to the Bush that are not available by private media. Here is another demographic which would loose faith in Government claims of supporting it.

Tax payers for the most part do not begrudge the ABC its funding as it is such an integral part of society.

Please consider the consequences of attacking the ABC carefully. Thank you for your consideration

Regards

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:16 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in Public ownership!

The ABC is all we watch or listen too.

Do not privatise our ABC!

We are regional Australians who depend on the unbiased service provided by both ABC television and radio to our community. The ABC provides a superior service compared to the crap that commercial organisations dish up. Most commercial television and radio broadcasters these days are citycentric with a total disregard for regional areas.

I am very concerned by the recent reports that the coalition parties have voted to privatise the ABC, this must never happen.

One of this countries strengths is its public broadcast system.

The ABC must remain the property of the Australian people.

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NSW 2429




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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:16 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC public

It is critical for a democracy to have an independent media. The ABC is my go to service for current affairs and investigative journalism.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:16 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC must not be privatised

In 2016 I returned to Australia after almost two decades in Europe. Most European countries have funding models for public television and radio which guarantee their funding free of the kind of political influence/interference we see here in Australia. It has saddened me to see that the same old attacks on funding the ABC which I remember from the 1990s still continue to this day. But this time these attacks are carried out in a manner which demonstrates the outright hatred and disdain which certain public figures have for the ABC. Further cuts to the ABC or any plans to change its charter must end now. A healthy and independent public media is a cornerstone of a healthy democracy. Attacks on the ABC are attacks on our civil society and on our democracy. These attacks must stop and a funding model for the ABC must be developed similar to those in Europe. Privatising the ABC would be a disaster for Australian democracy.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:16 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off the ABC!

The ABC is a key leveller in Australian society, it tests all political parties, no matter from which genre. It asks the questions that need to be asked. It is an icon also of Australian culture. When one sees something on Four Corners one knows it is well researched not some gimmicky rubbish from the commercial channels. The Government that privatises the ABC will be the Government that is voted out at the following election, because Australians trust and love the ABC! How dare the Liberal conference suggest that this great Australian Institution should be privatised! What possible reason can they have, other than the ABC asks questions they cannot rationally answer, questions they dont want want the public to think about. Every government should be clear, I like millions of other Australians, will never vote for a political Party that privatises Auntie ABC!

Dr [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NSW 2849




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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:16 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keeping our ABC out of private hands.

I am 72. The ABC has always been a part of my life. I listened to radio 2NR and appreciated good music, cheered the Aussie cicket team, was amused at the antics of the muddle headed wombat and listened to news of 50's. I became a teacher and have always loved the ABC and now my grand children have many happy hours watching Peter Rabbit and the many quality programs for children. The ABC is such an integral part of my life and of all my family. I cannot inagine life without the joy and everyday companionship that the ABC brings. It truly love the ABC and hope it is still here for the gejerations to come.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:16 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Privatising the ABC would damage our democracy.

The ABC's public broadcasting, uncompromised by commercial agendas, is a critical element of our Australian society. As well as telling diverse Australian stories ignored by profit-driven commercial media, it keeps the electorate informed (without sensationalism) and holds government and powerful private entities to account (without fear or favour). It must remain in public hands, well funded and independent of political meddling.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:16 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** DO NOT PRIVATIZE OUR ABC.,

Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy. It is the only radio station I listen to and ABC TV has the best programs compared to any other channel. I feel like I can trust ABC above all other media

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:16 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** We need an impartial broadcaster

The ABC is the only Australian broadcaster legally required to conduct investigative journalism. Look at the decline in journalism in the commercial sphere, both here and abroad. We need real journalism, not just more Fox News garbage.

Please use common sense on this one. It's incredibly important. News is skewed to corporate interests enough as it is.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:16 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't privatise the ABC; for my daughter's sake

Please do not privatise the ABC, my young child has the right to learn without being sold fizzy drinks & fatty foods

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:16 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep it our ABC!

Please keep our ABC in public hands! Both ABC and SBS are the only channels I watch as they are the only ones with good watching material of high quality, intelligently informative and entertaining. Many of these stories and programs are for us and about us and by us. They are a very important part of our culture and have been for many years . It would be an unintelligent, disastrous mistake to take this away in the form it exists. We should be funding the ABC more!

I ask emphatically, please keep the ABC in public hands!

Yours sincerely,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:16 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC

The ABC stations make up the bulk of my listening.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:16 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC public

From being [REDACTED] in the Arugonuts Club when I was a kid, to listening to Davis Cup tennis and test cricket - some of the most vivid memories of my life - to listening to ABC Classic FM as I drove around Sydney's streets this afternoon, and 702 AM talkback radio, (that which the neo-liberals may think is biased I think is fair and balanced), the ABC has powerfully helped me to define and exemplify what it is to be Australian. That, I suspect, is why the neo-cons want to destroy its status as a public broadcaster. They want a different kind of Australia, one that is not a community, but a market, and not a fair market, but an oligarchical one where privilege rules. **THEY MUST NOT SUCCEED!**

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:15 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC in private hands - you must be joking!

I cannot imagine anything but a public ABC.

Having lived here for 40 years we have been entertained, informed by amazing investigative journalists of things happening here and overseas. We have watched other channels news broadcast and they don't Compare to the ABC.


ABC only has to inform us. They don't have to rely on funds from private enterprises with their own agendas.

They help promote film and music with Australian content and they have high standards in informing and entertaining children without them being subjected to never ending advertising that brainwash kids and adults.

You only have to watch media watch to see how often other channels have no conscience in reporting things inaccurately and there are programs on ABC that give both political parties chances to air their view. I have never seen that on commercial channels. The ABC on the news also always lets both sides comment on new policy. Never see private channels doing that either!

Do not mess with our ABC!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:15 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

Australia will become more like America with a lack of investigatory journalism and an unbiased force to hold the societal powers to account. A sad and bleak day in our country's future... The day the ABC is privatised. Keep our ABC in public hands, please!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:15 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

corporate based is accountant biased so where ever the money is Corporate is our unbiased reporting will be sold to the highest bidders, the ABC and our government should not be accountant based cause they Should be about people and the best for people

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:15 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

Please don't privatize the ABC. Aunty is the only channel I ever watch. Our public broadcaster is fertile ground for so many entertainers, actors and journalists. There are many ABC personalities that have contributed to our Australian culture- here and overseas. If the ABC joins the ranks of the commercial channels: its integrity, creativity, passion, wit and reporting will be severely compromised. Privatization would see Our ABC, my ABC, deteriorate, be compromised and eventually die. I wake listening to the ABC, watch the news, off I go to work and pay my taxes which I am more than happy to have some go to The ABC, use the ABC in my work as a teacher (even their music books), return home and maybe watch a brilliant drama, comedy, the news, a quiz show etc... all on the ABC. Please continue to fund the ABC so we can continue to grow as a nation.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:15 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in public hands!!!!

A source of information, in and for the PUBLIC (cf private/commercial) interest, is absolutely critical for a DEMOCRATIC system. To not acknowledge this basic principle of social Policy is to take the road of so-called 'privatization' i.e.. profit/'commercial based activity)which means the reduction of necessary Infrastructure in the name of 'increased productivity' ie private profits et al..  
Thanks (for little ornothing)

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:15 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep Our ABC in public hands.

I love the ABC and watch it in preference to any other channel. I found the commentators to be fair, insightful and balanced and the ABC makes the best current affairs program. The ABC also supports Australian drama and makes innovative programs. They need to be funded to make more. The ABC needs to be publicly funded and not pushed to tow some rich person's line.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:15 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Get Your Hands Off Our ABC. Keep it in public hands.


I was horrified to see the Liberal Party proposal to privatise the ABC at their conference.

Do they want to make Australia a laughing stock in the world? What other country would do this? Britain has the BBC, the US has NPR, there is the NZBC, Canada has the CBC, need I go on? None of these would privatise their national broadcaster. Public broadcasters exist to counter the influence of one sided vested interests who cannot survive with competition.

And what was worse that there were no dissenting voices to the proposal at the conference. In the words of George Washington, "When everyone is thinking the same, then no-one is thinking".

It would seem that the Party wants to commit electoral suicide.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:15 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

We object very strongly to any attempt to privatize the ABC. We value its independent voice. We value the range of historical, scientific, and natural history documentaries shown on TV and broadcast on the radio. We value the news coverage and the music programs which bring beautiful music and informed commentary, the hallmarks of a civilized and cultured society. These attributes are of enormous value in keeping Australians informed and offering the public mental stimulation. People's mental health is helped when they hear their favourite ABC programs and presenters, especially as they age, are less mobile and less able to get out and about. As Australians we very much value having the ABC, a public broadcaster, remaining an independent voice and not subject to the pressures, controls and constraints of a commercial broadcaster with programs constantly interrupted by crass commercials exhorting us to buy, buy, buy when we don't want to. We need the ABC desperately to counterbalance the conservative elements of the present government who are driving the country increasingly towards becoming a right wing dictatorship. As Australians who have always paid our taxes and contributed towards the betterment of our community, we demand the ABC stay as a publicly funded corporation. Yours sincerely, [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:15 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC and increase funding

The ABC provides me with a wonderful connection to the world starting with John Faine and ending with Phillip Adams. It also trains wonderful staff like Gerard Whateley now on SEN. Norman Swan the religious report are wonderful. The ABC is Australia the sound of ABC 774 previously 3 LO has been part of my life for more than 50 years. The podcasts are wonderful. It's a treasured part of Australia. Radio National is our intellect and soul. If you mess with the ABC you are messing with a pillar of what it is to be Australian.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:15 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC

ABC and SBS are the only two broadcasters whose news I trust. I've occasionally watched commercial TV news and found that important news items are often skimmed over or ignored altogether in favour of trivial or sensationalised content. Privatising the ABC would inevitably lead to dumbing down of content, if not immediately but in the near future depending on who 'owns' the ABC. Don't let's become like the USA where the profit motive appears to trump everything. [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:15 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC strong and independant

I need a news source I can trust, not a news source from big business or politicians.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:15 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands, and fund it adequately.

I am extremely concerned that government has done much to weaken our national broadcaster in recent months. The ABC and SBS are pillars of our democracy, and have always presented news and current affairs in a fair and balanced manner, unencumbered by the need to defer to the commercial sector in terms of reporting factual information on important matters in our country. Their professionalism, and quality of presentations are impeccable. Our parliamentarians should uphold and honour our right to have unbiased reporting. There is so much bias in the commercial newspapers, and commercial television has less substance to their programs in general than our public broadcasters. We are an educated and informed public, who will fight hard to ensure that we have access to the information we need. Funding cuts as well as threats to privatise the ABC and SBS are undermining our democracy. Most western democracies guard their national broadcasters well. So must we.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:15 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

The abc is our most important media institution. As a tax payer who pays for it and owns it i value its contribution to Australia's public life and discourse. The only people who want to privatize it are those with an ideology that does not like institutions like the abc being in public hands and those who do not like the fact that the abc says things and reports things that some politicians and some in the big business world don't like. And of course some other media companies - no names required - would like to see it privatized as well. I wonder why? Well i like the abc in public ownership and so do millions of people like me. And those politicians and business people don't own it - we do. Go on, have a poll and find out. Privatization has not lowered energy prices like it was said it would in that sector, why would it work any better with the abc. Well, i can tell you that it wouldn't. its NOT their abc. Its ours, so leave it alone, fund it properly and let it do its job.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:15 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Touch the ABC and you'r GONE!

Pay media is a blight on the system just as the Liberal Party in on the nation.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:15 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC public

The ABC should never be privatised. It and SBS, are our only sources of unbiased journalism, reporting based on fact rather than on sensationalism and parroting the views of commercial owners. In private hands, partisan reporting is all we can expect, and we deserve better.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:15 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC

You get more adds than anything else I know they have to have adds for revenue but the way they put it over just drives you up the wall and I don't really think they have made me buy anything they ram down your neck all night keep the good old ABC as it is

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:15 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC public

I believe ABC have to stay public in order to continue to be able to represent voices and views that are of public good not of individual commercial interests.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:15 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Privatisation of the ABC

I DO NOT want the ABC to be privatised. Not one of the privatised public properties (eg: Electricity, gas; telephone, banks) has given improved service to the public. Every one of them has been delivering reduced customer service, uncertainty of product and the poisonous introduction of commercial pressures with none of the anticipated benefit of competition. The ABC has always been a provider of quality of product and only needs more guidance towards unbiased and balanced delivery. We do not want more providers of low-brow 'reality crap'. Leave it alone or face the consequences of public backlash.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:15 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC does a sterling job keeping Australians informed, educated and entertained

ABC media always reflects the soul of our beloved country We thrive on diversity as a great nation Our modern history has been traced by our Government owned broadcaster A divergent range of views is essential to a modern democracy It is integral to our development as a nation It is a lean organization that does so much with so little It deserves to coexist in Australian media.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:15 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

Australia needs an independent not-for-profit broadcaster. Private companies have ulterior motives and these come through in their reporting, program choices and advertising. It is unfathomable that the Liberal Party and the far right are looking to privatise OUR ABC. I have watched and trusted the ABC since I was a child, and I want to pass on this legacy of knowing real news and trusting real journalism to my newborn daughter.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:15 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC must not be privatised - ever!

I am certain that the ABC must stay as it is. It must never be be privatised. We have never required a strong and independent ABC more than now.

Australia has more than sufficient commercial media with its own forms of insidious bias. The ABS as it is forms a counter to this bias and one of the few ways Australians have left to defend against the nonsense politicians seem to increasingly come up with. We have an ongoing need to ensure that the propaganda that politicians seem to find increasingly necessary is met with an independent voice.


The ABC is able to cater for small groups who otherwise would be too small to be represented. This alone is good enough reason to keep it as it is. It is an essential resource for those out of the cities. Not everything is about \$.

The ABC has worked well as it is for decades. Leave it alone and start to focus on fixing the problems that we really have, not by applying an ideology that is out of touch with the real Australians, but by addressing the issues square on, not the spin.

Leave the ABC alone and get on with fixing the country's problems not just trying to convince the rest of us you are doing something when clearly Australian politicians are struggling to have an idea of any kind that is not straight out of a rigid ideology. If politicians feel they must silence the critics rather than actually do something then it shows how bereft of ideas they actually are.

Long live the ABC as a public voice as it is, a corner stone of Australia's democracy. Never privatise.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:15 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

I only watch the ABC. The news, Insiders, 4 Corners, 7.30 Report, UK and Aussie drama series. I appreciate the humane views of the ABC, the way it covers the most important and current of issues, in depth. If this station fell into private hands, a lot of this quality viewing would disappear. Please don't let that happen!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:15 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** KEEP OUR ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS

I am an avid ABC supporter and truly believe it is a national treasure that is admired internationally. It ensures our nation is well informed and current. I think the Federal Government is using the ABC as a political tool and starving it of funds. This will result in a severe backlash at the next federal election.

Sincerely

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:15 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Protect public broadcasting - keep the ABC in public hands

I am 54 years old, and for as long as I can remember the ABC has been a part of my life. From This Day Tonight in my youth to Q&A now, it's been a reliable source of news. And by that I mean regional, national and international news. The fearless journalism that we see over and over in 4 Corners is essential for democracy, and that's something I strongly believe our taxes should be invested in. The ABC was part of my childhood and my children. I think that is true for almost every Australian. It has brought us great local shows, been a big part of our cultural landscape (countdown will stay with me to the end, but so will Sea Change, Rake and so many other programs). My teenage son turns to the ABC for news and comedy. I cannot overstate how much I value seeing him learn to build a balanced world view shaped as much by quality journalism as by the special interest threads that dominate internet fora like Reddit which he and his friends gravitate to. The ABCs charter was crafted to help Australia grow as a nation and remain a strong democracy. Every funding cut, attempt to control the content and threat to the charter are a threat to the fabric of Australia as we know it. Stop the rot now. Protect the charter and fund it properly to do its' job.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:15 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep abc in public hands

Hi I like many people have found the abc at the heart of my australianness because the abc in all its querkyness has been an independent voice.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:15 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep OUR ABC in public hands

I am a 68 year old pensioner who lives in regional NSW. Living 30 km from my nearest regional town I rely on television and in particular the ABC to keep informed on news matters and watch stimulating programs like Landline , Gardening Australia, Four Corners ,Catalyst and programs like this that only the ABC provides and ad free. Rubbish reality shows have no interest for me. If the ABC were to be privatised eventually these types of shows would fall victim to the reality shows and endless commercial advertising. This would make me very unhappy and I would not hesitate to show that unhappiness at the ballot box by voting against the coalition parties.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:14 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

Keep our ABC in public hands! The news is one of the realist in the country, & it's nice to watch TV without commercials & there are so many interesting shows on ABC which you won't find on commercial TV. The ABC belongs to the people of Australia & should NOT be privatised

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:14 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our abc in public hands- beloved by children everywhere it is illegal and immoral to put ads in childrens tv!

Keep our abc in public hands- beloved by children everywhere it is illegal and immoral to put ads in childrens tv!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:14 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC should never be privatised.

We hear more truth on the ABC than any off the other stations because they don't have to be biased towards their supporters or people who give them money. They also tackle subjects that most of us wouldn't know about otherwise; subjects that we should know and want to know about. I am angry about the government even thinking about doing this.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:14 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

Do not privatise the ABC or you will be very sorry next election

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:14 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC is the only Australia wide medium which can be trusted

The ABC was and may become again a great organisation where the public interest weighs the profit motif of every other news and information platform in Australia.

I write 'return to greatness' because of the Liberal policy of cutting the funding which has reduced the number of worth while programs. 'Late line' for instance. Ramona Kovals 'Books and Writing' program. How often do we have a 'Science Show' on Commercial radio? What commercial news organisation is interested in tempered debate? Why does the Liberal party think that ill informed radio personalities are better able to educate and develop cogent arguments than those who work for the ABC?

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:14 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** We need to keep the ABC in public hands!

The ABC content challenges and inspires me and gives me hope in this world. It provides the only balanced view of what is happening in this world. Commercial stations do not provide the same level of balanced views the ABC does. I find listening to commercial stations really depressing.  
Please don't remove the ABC from public hands.

Democracy involves listening to all sides not shutting down views we don't agree with.  
Please protect our democracy.  
Thank you.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:14 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in the public hands!

A free, fair, state-broadcaster is the hallmark of any democracy and should be maintained at any cost. Independent journalism through by the ABC has long held politicians, businessmen and citizens to account and is why Australia is such a fair country to live in. We have avoided the corruption that is seen in other countries, in large part due to the fact that the ABC is able to bring unscrupulous activities to light and to the public's attention.

Any attempt to privatise the ABC will have serious dangerous long term effects, to the detriment of the democracy that we live in.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:14 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

The ABC has the ability to report on both local and international issues with an open mind and no political agenda. All other media is "owned" by groups that have an agenda - even if they do not think - called "money and return on investment. I am a shareholder of the ABC - and I do not want a return on my investment - and do not wish to sell my shares

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:14 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep "OUR" ABC.

The ABC has always been a service that is factual, educational and a entertainment provider. This institution should be kept for the people. Interference from the Liberal Party is nothing short of appalling, biased and insulting. STOP. Leave the ABC to continue to provide the Australian people to be informed and entertained. Yours sincerely,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:14 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in Public Hands!

It's not your ABC to sell. Please leave it alone and in public hands where it belongs!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:14 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not privatise the ABC

The ABC is recognised the Australia's most trusted news source. Privatisation will destroy this trust. This must not happen. The ABC holds governments, politicians, corporations and other entities to account. Those seeking to privatise the ABC fear the scrutiny of the ABC. This scrutiny sustains our democracy. Do not privatise the ABC or we will lose Australia's finest media organisation.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:14 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Protect our ABC from privatisation

The strength of our multicultural and democratic society relies largely upon having honest and reliable information, not hype or fake news that seems to have overpowered several other countries, the USA in particular. We must keep our ABC as an independent broadcaster, Aunty has served us well in the past and we must repel the grubby hands that would try to destroy it, for their own financial or political gains.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:14 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not privatise the ABC

I do not want to see the ABC privatised. The ABC is an exceptional body in its current form, successfully providing an unbiased media service for the entire Australian community. I have travelled in many countries abroad over many years and nothing compares to the ABC. Once privatised, it will be driven not by delivery to Australians but by commercial and shareholder imperatives. Australia will become less educated and less well-informed as commercial enterprises will seek to obtain the cheapest possible content to appeal to the widest possible audience. This can readily be evidenced by the state of TV in the USA, hundreds of channels but nothing worth watching. Is this what we want for Australia? While I may have voted for the Coalition in the past, I will never vote for the Coalition if it even thinks about privatising the ABC.

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VIC 3015 