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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.

You only have to look at the quality (or lack of quality) on the commerce tv stations to see that the ABC should be left as a public broadcaster, catering for all ages and levels of interest throughout the country. It is highly relevant as an educator for school children, preschoolers and even adults. It provides Australian and international news and current affairs information and entertainment. It's range of programs is excellent and with iview people can easily pick and choose what they want to see without disruptive, annoying, tedious, repetitive advertising. We need the ABC to entertain, stimulate, educate and inform. Commercial tv tends to go for low quality, mindless, cheap reality shows, catering for the lowest common denominator. There's more to life than that. The ABC has a long history of catering for different communities throughout this nation with both tv and radio. Let it continue.

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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

- 1) Keeping the ABC in public hands gives me the opportunity to complain about the programs which are relentlessly repeated.
- 2) A commercial broadcaster
Is beholden to its advertisers and, ipso facto, the public can be hoodwinked.
- 3) having to sit through endless commercials makes my viewing hell.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: 2 TV stations worth watching, don't make it 1!!

My wife and I only really watch SBS and ABC as they provide factual, educative and unbiased info and entertainment worth watching and not the rubbish (apart from the sports) that appears on the privatised channel 7,9,10 which pitches to the masses and is really disappointing! Anyone who watches the footy show, my house rules or anything remotely similar in its content, is unfortunately receiving dumb and sad content. I am certainly no snob, academic or elitist. I am an average Aussie bloke, 46 years old who works in the fitness industry and have been an ex police officer and teacher. What appears on these privatised channels is a disgrace. IF the ABC is privatised, the content will be become similiar and leave us with one channel left to watch. It will be a national disgrace. What are politicians so scared about? The truth. The proposed censorship aligns with other laws the government is trying to push through. Very worrying times!! Do we want a democracy? Please leave our ABC alone!!

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VIC 3132 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatising the ABC

The ABC is where I go for news. I don't think it's biased at all. I trust it completely. I also like the fact that most (but not all) the TV programs assume a certain intelligence in its audience. If the ABC were privatised I would lose a great deal of what gives me pleasure in my life.

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NSW 2785



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't provatise the ABC

To privatise the ABC is to guarantee the partisan reporting of news and of controversy.

It is clear that the Liberal party is trying to stifle debate and discussion in this country and is frightened of democracy, and the privatisation of the ABC will clearly support this mischievous end.

There is plenty of junk news out there; Australians require proper information and the ABC is the best provider we have for that. The Liberal Party has absolutely NO mandate for privatising the ABC.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in Public hands!

In a world dominated by click bait headlines and false news, I rely totally on my ABC to provide me with unbiased and top-rate journalism. The ABC reports for me and I trust its integrity. Privatisation means profits will dominate over honest and factual reporting. Without the ABC there is NO media outlet that holds commercial media and politicians accountable!

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VIC 3782 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC and their standards keep other media honest

The ABC helps keep the other media honest, it is public property and not for sale.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands!

I find it appalling any discussion regarding privatising the ABC is taking place. The ABC has the most credible trustworthy journalists who tell the whole story. They provide top quality drama and support Australian drama. While a networks are obliged to have a high local content, all the commercial stations have cancelled quality drama productions and replaced them with tacky reality shows which is an insult to people's intelligence and most people I speak to complain about this and the general comment is "thank goodness we have the ABC"

If the privatisation goes ahead Our family will NEVER vote for the LNP again and we are supporters of the LNP.

As for the current LNP politicians some are excellent and some are still living in the 1950's and if they cannot deal with a bit of criticism occasionally they do not deserve to represent us and they always get unanimous support from the Murdoch press.

Do not sell of the ABC

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Of Course you want to privatising the ABC....

It is incredibly important to have a voice in the media that is not motivated by selling products (ie Commercial media).

Even Lassier-Faire USA has a highly prized institution "NPR" (National Public Radio)!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The importance of the ABC to our democratic society

It is of vital importance to the fairness of our society that we keep the ABC in public hands. The ABC stands up for the rights and interests of ordinary working Australians. It holds the Government and big business to account in a way that commercial networks do not. Commercial networks would not devote resources to the lengthy investigative journalism that the ABC does so well. Think of the light shone by Four Corners on shonky business practices and poor government decision making. The AVEO Way, mismanagement of water resources, unethical behaviour by banks, the influence of Russia on the US election, these are but a few examples of excellent independent journalism that would be unlikely to be pursued by a commercial network in private ownership. Whether the ABC and SBS have a competitive advantage over commercial networks by virtue of the public funding misses the crucial point that without this public funding they would not be able to keep a check on power exercised by the government and big business.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Leave the ABC alone and restore its funding

There is no rational reason to force or coerce the ABC into private ownership, the services and content they provide is well balanced and essential in today's media environment. Hands off this pillar of Australian democracy.

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NSW 2076 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: We love our ABC

I enjoy the diversity of programs without advertising and none of the endless repeats from the commercial stations. It is a boon to regional areas and I can't understand why the ABC should be privatised.

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VIC 3147 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

The independence of the ABC is more important than any 'undue advantage' - you remove the independence and allow parties to exert levels of control of the ABC (of which reducing funds is about control), then you lose a very valuable voice in our media.

I know not of any other media voice that occupies the same 'space' as the ABC. I live in regional Australia and the purpose the ABC serves goes far beyond informing the community, it is part of the fabric of fostering belonging, connection and is the only voice we have. Please don't remove this. If this voice is removed I fear people will act in destructive ways to be heard.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is not for sale

Catalyst, Four Corners, Media Watch, Q&A, 7.30 Report, The Weekly, Great BBC programmes these cannot be abandoned to commercial interests. Most Australians trust the ABC but often don't trust other news and current affairs broadcasters. Watching good programmes without ads is a joy. Do not sell the ABC, instead fund it properly to ensure the continuance of excellent journalism and enjoyable tv programmes.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: privatise ABC?

Sir/Madam, The actual concept of privatising public utilities and property has failed. Not only has it failed Australians it has in the long term lost valuable income. Telstra would be the best example, followed by many other gross failures where the money has gone from the sale and now no more income. ABC is relied on for honest investigations. Once the corrupt remove it there will be absolute control of the media by corrupt individuals, then we have no honest opinion. I believe there will eventually be justice for Australian citizens and the corrupt will be jailed and stripped of assets. Society is being pushed to its limits.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatisation of the ABC

The ABC has been an important part of my life for decades. As a musician and educator, both Triple J and Classic FM, indeed all genres of music are embraced by the ABC, with a particular focus on promoting Australian music. Without it, the figures for sales and streaming of Australian music, indeed the entire music industry here would suffer appallingly because commercial enterprises don't give a damn. I watch many ABC programs, particularly those on news and politics. I receive a balanced account of what is going on in Australia and the world. Q and A, when politicians aren't simply attacking each other with sloganeering is engaging and enlightening. Of particular interest is the amazing intelligence and articulateness of many young audience members who ask questions and engage in debates. It is pretty much the only medium that provides a heartening view of our future in the hands of young people. If we sold off the ABC, we would be forced to pay another subscription to access its programs and that price would be a lot steeper than the current cost to the individual. The ABC speaks to the true demographic of Australia, with programming for rural and city dwellers. It seeks to represent the diversity that actually is Australia in its programming, rather than the Anglo-Saxon wash we get on other stations and in many areas of Government. Programs such as Mystery Road are just so beautifully made. The ABC acts as an important social barometer and keeps media empires on their toes, because people really love the ABC. It is ours. We are not sold a dud and there is no threat that it will be. It embraces and lauds culture in this country as an important aspect of community and society, not just as 'entertainment' and whatever sells. Sell it off? So it can end up like Telstra, or we can pay for it like the prices we now pay for electricity, or be ashamed of the appalling antics of its executive, as we are with the CBA? Why would you?

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VIC 3149 

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

I have travelled widely in the world and the ABC ranks as one of the best, if not the best, public broadcaster I have come across.

The presenters are almost invariably professional and some of the programs fearlessly address issues of great concern to the nation.

I am quite happy for some of my tax dollars to go to supporting the ABC. I listen to it often and would not want any changes to its content, which would almost certainly be the case if it was privatised.

My wife is disabled and has ABC RN on all day on the radio, and will not listen to anything else. When we want decent news we get it from the ABC on TV or radio. No other service come close, with the possible exception of SBS which is still definitely second.

For the current Government to want to privatise the ABC because (as has been very publicly stated) the ABC does not always portray the government in a good light) is (a) attempting to subvert our democracy and (b) selling off a public asset without consulting the public who own it.

The ABC don't have an advantage - with their current programming they probably would not attract the advertising that commercial music stations get. And as I said above, I am happy for my tax dollars to support it, far happier than some other uses to which the government puts my tax dollars.

Keep the ABC in private - and independent - hands.

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NSW 2795



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep the ABC for you and me!

The ABC is the life blood of so many rural and regional towns over many platforms. It is a cultural bond between remote area inhabitants because of its broad reach and understanding of remote area issues. we need the ABC to be our voice, our outlet and our opportunity to connect with each other nationally. Privatisation will inroach on our opportunity to be independent and individual. please..NO

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NSW 2330



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in pupils hands

We can't keep selling everything of we need to leave thing for our children and grandchildren

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VIC 3977




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ANC in public hands

The ABC is very important to me and my partner. We listen to the intelligent, well thought out and non sensational news report every night and also to the 7.30 report. The ABC's programs are informative, well made and non commercial, which we and our friends enjoy and consider very important. It is the intellectual person's station and for that reason it must NOT fall into private hands. We must preserve an objective and intelligent broadcasting !!!!!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

One doesn't have to be an academic to know that if the ABC is privatized - the company that takes over the ABC will result in profit driven programming that will deny the wide spectrum of information broadcast to the Australian population. Will the privatized ABC broadcast wheat prices that is relevant to Australia's agriculture community.

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NSW 2233 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is so much more than just a news outlet.

The ABC is a lifeline for people who are disadvantaged, who have children, who want to hear about the environment, who love music, who are suffering grief or loss, who care about their health, who want to be informed about the latest science, who love Australian drama, who want to have a voice, tell stories, feel included, who want to be educated, who love books, who love films, who are technologically minded, who love design, who want to watch sport without ads, who want to watch women's sport, who might even want to watch relatively unbiased news, who want local news, who are lonely, who live remotely, who want their children to sing at school. This is not an undue advantage. This is a social good and an essential part of Australian cultural life. Restore funding to our ABC and stop attacking a vital public service.

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WA 6163




From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Make sure ABC keeps representing ALL Australians!

We moved to Australia in 2006 and after the horror of exploring the local commercial channels filled with racism, poor journalism, excessive advertising (to kids!), and appalling programming, we found the ABC. Delightful programmes, good investigative journalism, honest reporting, and balanced, untarnished media. The ABC was a life saver. We knew where we could get trusted news, find great educational TV for the kids as they grew up and explored their new world and view interesting and intelligent shows and documentaries. Now I am horrified to hear the Liberal Party wants to take this away from the Australian public and continue the process of dumbing down the very people they supposedly represent.

It is truly terrifying to see the ongoing attacks by the Coalition on the ABC. The funding cuts, the continuous intervention by Ministers (I thought freedom of speech was a Liberal government priority?) and the inclusion of those very people who are against the ABC on boards and in roles that make decisions about the ABC. It is so concerning when government tries to intervene especially in circumstances where it is clear they are responding to educated and rightful criticism of policies and decisions that are skewed to favour those in positions of power. The undermining of democracy is taking place before our very eyes.

Keep the ABC in public hands where it can continue to represent ALL Australians. The ABC needs to keep the government in check, no matter which party may be in power. We trust the ABC to speak about issues that are relevant, reflecting upon their respect for an intelligent and thoughtful Australian people. This is NOT something that happens with the commercial channels. Please do not let the ABC become the mouthpiece of those who are in power. Don't sell off our dear and trusted ABC.

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NSW 2077 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Re: Hands Off Our ABC!

When I was holidaying in New Zealand a few years ago I was amazed and appalled at the lack of quality television viewing. It made me realise just how unique and valuable our public broadcaster is. It is an icon in Australia, the most trusted news and current affairs source, and I will NEVER allow it to fall into the hands of vested interests. The fact that so many of these vested interests (and the politicians who represent them) want to destroy our ABC is testimony to the great job it is doing in serving the public with its independence and quality investigative journalism.

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NSW 2778




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise our ABC

Given that most media in Aust. is slanted towards the conservative side of politics, it is VITAL that there exists a middle ground. We don't want a Labor dominated media anymore than we want a Liberal slant. The abc should be straight down the middle, AS IT IS, despite the moans from the right which translate as, 'if you're not with us, you're against us.'

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NSW 2574 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in the public's hands

It's very obvious the LNP attacks on ABC is nothing to do with funding. It's everything to do with content that does not carry the right wing political agenda message. We Australians demand the ABC remain the public broadcaster with no private entity involvement whatsoever. The ABC is trusted and belongs to the people. Privatising ABC is a strike at the heart of democracy and many Australians will not tolerate any government bastardising our ABC.

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VIC 3199 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!


The ABC is integral to my life. It is the only TV station I watch. I can't stand the commercial stations and their poor quality programs. The quality of investigative journalism on Four Corners is unsurpassed. Media Watch is honest and incisive shining a light on some of the most dodgy media practices. Australian dramas are wonderful watching. The news presentation is far more reliable than other sources. That's TV. Then there is my constant companion Radio National. Wonderful political discussion with unbiased presentation, talk back programs, the Minefield a very big favourite.

I am very worried about the Coalition's attacks on our ABC. It is an attack on Australian society. It's so important to have news and program sources unsullied by pressure from advertisers, cash for comment and pressure to present a particular view.

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 8:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is Our Voice!

It is with disbelief that I am writing this heartfelt submission.

The ABC is Australia's voice, it's eyes, it's ears and to a large part its very soul and nature.

It has been the background sound of many millions of our lives and throughout its existence the reliability and self assuredness of "Aunty" has been a comfort, an education, a laugh and, most importantly, a voice that has informed us about the world and ourselves, largely, without influence from corporations or political influence.

As the world spirals into a malicious war of misinformation and deceit it is vital that there is an ABC to filter out the bullshit and shine a light on the many and varied points of view.

Sometimes it seems like Aunty skews to the left, then sometimes to the right but over the years, history must show that there has been a true reflection of the state of mind of our nation.

I implore you to never make the ABC a vehicle for profit. Instantly would die the very nature of our remarkable institution.

When a bushfire is out of control, when a tower is attacked, when I want to learn more about our incredible existence, when I want to hear the cricket score and when I have a shower in the morning I want it with our voice and definitely not brought to me by a breakfast cereal or a data analytical corporation!

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NSW 2026 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: We love our public ABC

Dear Sir/Madam

I am worried that your inquiry into the ABC is a threat to the ABC that our family loves and that Australia absolutely relies upon. You must protect the public funding and independence of our most trusted broadcaster. It has always been the best source of news, of intelligent and challenging programs, of local drama (though less so, since you've cut their budget so badly), and of vital exposes of issues that matter to all Australians. If you make the ABC like the commercial stations, what would be the point? There are already many choices of trashy, sensationalist, aggravating, commercial media. All Australians prefer the ABC for the important things. Without it, we'd be a much poorer democracy and less of a community. Please return \$300 million more to the ABC budget, to enable it to continue to do its fabulous best.

Yours sincerely

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TAS 7250



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

I have been a fan of the ABC my whole life. I work in the music industry, and the broad ranging music coverage across all the ABC platforms has meant that the music industry in Ausdtralia has remained vibrant and diverse. I shudder to think how much worse things would become if private enterprise over takes the ABC and only commercial music is ever aired. It will be the death of the music industry in Australia.

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VIC 3070




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Do not privatise or defund the best broadcaster in Australia. News services from the ABC are accurate, unbiased and trusted. I'm am concerned that the quality and standard of news and information will go downhill and reach the low standards of commercial channels. ABC offers an excellent educational services for teachers and students. Please do not degrade this service which is irreplaceable.

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SA 5063 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public

If the ABC is privatised it will become yet another news outlet that is biased, anti intellectual and sensationalised. We need the quality news and investigative journalism provided by the ABC. Why are the hard right so anti intellectual? Why does the ABC threaten them so much ? Why do they want an ignorant dumbed down public ? It's so sad but true that a dumbed down Australian public will vote for the hard right. If this threat continues we will fight for the ABC, and we will fight for journalistic integrity. Leave the ABC alone - stop the funding cuts and threats. We have had enough.

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TAS 7004



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands.

The ABC has been an icon in my household since I was a child. My parents listened almost exclusively to ABC radio, and we watched mostly ABC tv. In my household we now do the same and we have passed this onto my son (he is 26). The reason the ABC has been and continues to be so important to my family is because of the services it provides. Who could imagine a commercial network producing Playschool, yet how many of our children have grown up with this as an important part of their childhood? Similarly, when we sit sheltering in our homes from cyclones, do the commercial networks keep broadcasting continuously to keep us informed? No they don't, nor will they. It will not pay. We need the ABC for these and a multitude of other reasons; to provide the services which commercial networks will not. Do not privatise this service.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public Hands

The ABC needs to stay in public hands. if it doesn't you will be doing yourselves a disservice, hands off the ABC. It's the only channel I choose to watch I refuse to watch commercial TV, Be it on the heads of those who vote against keeping the ABC in public hands.

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NSW 2758




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC is more precious than money, don't sell it

It is inconceivable that corporate sector can provide unbiased reporting. The ABC is the only way most people have easy access to important information. anywhere in Australia, corporate involvement will not necessarily commit to such service indefinitely. The ABC is a service not a business, that has provided much to the contribution of media and the arts. This national treasure that must be preserved for future generations. Thank you [REDACTED]

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VIC 3205 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public

The ABC is integral to Australian culture. Can the same be said about our commercial networks? I believe Australian culture would be diminished as a private company.

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VIC 3187




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Leave the ABC alone!

I'm horrified that the Liberal Party are even discussing potential sale and commercialism of the ABC. I've grown up watching and listening to ABC in city and regional Australia. Another commercial nextwork will not sustain advertising and would be to the detriment of developing Australian talent (Eg JJJ Hottest 100). Keep the ABC in public hands not individual influence. A move in this by the current Govt. would risk votes.....mine would swing on this issue. Hands off!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

Leave the ABC alone we don't want it privatised!!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Protect the ABC

Every democracy relies on a free media to call government to account. We need an independent ABC to continue what it has done for decades, reporting the truth regardless of impact to vested interests. If the ABC is privatised we will lose the last voice independent of corporate or government interest in our media. We do not want another channel 9 or Sky 'News' -because they aren't news, they're spin.

Do not sell off or destroy our Aunty. We need her, like we need all our family.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Efficient markets are a useful way to tackle some gnarly resource distribution problems, but they are not a good way to run a democracy. Especially of concern for Australia given that our population and economy is still of a modest size that we are more vulnerable to monopolies compared to many other developed nations. Solely-for-profit corporations are necessarily not to be trusted with any critical service required for a healthy democracy, as their bottom line is simply not aligned with the public interest.

When private companies gain increasing control of major media channels, you end up with debacles such as see in recent years in the US and the UK, where minor interest groups with bizarre agendas counter to the public interest can push public debate one way or another merely by having cash to burn and access to the modern technical weaponry of increasingly sophisticated targeted advertising.

Don't privatise the ABC!

Private media companies are solely-for-profit and are owed nothing -- if they want to have a whinge about not able to compete in a marketplace containing publicly funded not-for-profits, and are unable to differentiate themselves, they are genuinely welcome to file for insolvency -- I would be surprised if they did not receive a range of interest from other commercial operators who would be willing to buy them out at an agreeable price.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: It's Our ABC

The ABC belongs to the people of Australia. It is so wide reaching. National and international news, rural news, but also kids tv, jJJ, ABC FM. A forerunner of technology for so many years. Plenty of news opportunity representing a wide range of views across the media. Neither the ABC nor Murdoch press should dominate. We can hear both voices and make choices. Leave the commentary open. Hands off the ABC.

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VIC 3079 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Why the drive to weaken the ABC?

Independent, well supported broadcasters & universities are the hallmarks of good democracies. The motivations of the proponents for weakening them must be closely questioned.

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VIC 3463




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Protect public broadcasting and the ABC

I've been watching and listening to the ABC all my life and there is nothing like it available on the commercial networks. It has appalled me to see the continued cuts to its budget and attacks on the integrity of the organisation and its staff. No organisation is perfect, but I cannot put into words what an enormous hole will be left behind if the ABC is privatised. The impact on the cultural, civil and intellectual life of Australia of such a move would be incalculable.

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NSW 2122 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please keep Our ABC in independent public hands.

I believe Australia already has an excess of commercial media providing entertainment but only the ABC provides independent, unbiased news, social analysis and genuine public interest broadcasting. I feel passionate about this issue and prepared to actively campaign to keep the ABC in public hands.

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TAS 7005 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

I have grown up with the abc. There are many homegrown shows started on the abc which i fear will disappear if privatised. Playschool. The kids channel. Gruen. The weekly with charlie pickering. There are also lots of british shows which i grew up with. The goodies. Dr who. The thick of it. I also fear this will all become commercialised and we will see more ads and less quality shows. Please don't privatise the ABC.
Not just for my sake but my kids too

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NSW 2102



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatisation of the ABC

The ABC is the only media outlet (apart from maybe SBS) which gives me intelligent content and analysis and not rubbish cheque book journalism which is trying to sensationalise everything and bow to the celebrity culture. I consume all media formats of the ABC, tv, radio, online, podcasts. They keep me informed and none of the commercial ones come close. We live in a democracy and an independent media outlet is at the very core. It is important for the very nature of our society to avoid commercialism of everything. I listen to the ABC and I vote.

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NSW 2526



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands


The independent factual journalism provided by the ABC is even more necessary in these times of fake news.

Regional areas rely on the ABC.

Commercial independence of the ABC is essential for its continued trustworthiness.

Without the ABC the overwhelmingly right wing conservative privately owned media would swamp the Australian landscape unopposed.

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WA 6016 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC!

I definitely don't want to see the ABC privatised and at the mercy of corporate and political agendas. It's an Australian asset; we own it and rely on it for information and entertainment.

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VIC 3992



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC out of private hand.

To all Liberal party members...With due respect it is not for you to decide to sell the ABC. It belongs to the people of Australia. Your privatisation has gone long for too long and enough is enough. The mental deficit that commercial media brings is puerile and infantile. The lowest common denominator and thinking clearly does not rise above an apple pip. Do not let Australia fall into that pit. We need decent information, decent thoughts, human heart and a capacity to think above the ideology.
So please, do not go down that path and bring mediocrity to us Australians.

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NSW 2480 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC


The ABC is my number-one choice for all forms of entertainment, from children to adults. Its no-holds-barred approach to reporting many issues must be upheld. In many regional areas, it is the only source of news, weather, kids learning, helping all its listeners to stay abreast with modern issues.

I turn on FM103.5 every morning as I get ready for work, and I watch it every night for news and documentaries, which I can trust for authenticity and truthfulness.

The big joy of watching the ABC is the absence of advertisements.

If the ABC was privatised, its content would change over night and would be heavily biased towards the political bias of its owners and the right-wing politicians they support with donations.

Please, keep the ABC as a public institution.

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NSW 2350 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC out of private hands

Since I came to Australia in 1974, I have lived in the Pilbara, the southwest of WA , the Goldfields and now in metropolitan Perth. I have not always had a television and have relied on the ABC radio to keep me informed with news bulletins and news programs. Programs like the Science Show, Big Ideas and Counterpoint have kept me informed. Informed citizens are crucial to our democracy and way of life and I think the ABC has an irreplaceable role to play here right across Australia.

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WA 6156 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC belongs to the Australian people.

We constantly see the very poor quality that the commercial media brings to its news services. For instance British people recently wrote to Rupert Murdoch pleading with him to pay due attention through his media outlets to the urgent problem of climate change and yet his papers in Queensland ignore or deny the deterioration of the Great Barrier Reef, despite its obvious newsworthiness, because the vulnerability of the Reef doesn't apparently interest Rupert Murdoch and the vulnerability of our planet to climate change isn't on his list of priorities.

It is vital that we have a government funded ABC and SBS so that we the public can have access to the work and insights of good quality journalists able to do detailed research. Without good quality information, our democratic decisions about which government to choose deteriorate into a competition between the superficial slogans of TV ads from different political parties. It is essential when vital decisions are being made about the future of our planet and our nation that we have good quality information to base those decisions on. That is why the ABC should remain publicly funded and should be well funded.

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ACT 2913 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't touch the ABC thanks

Our household loves the ABC. We want true exposure by properly trained journalists about issues affecting our community. From our experience the very best reporting has invariably come from the ABC. There are so many vested interests in commercial stations. Why should we, the public, be deprived of information about certain companies doing something dodgy - if the owner of a commercial station is being paid to run advertisements for a company, so doesn't want corrupt behaviour exposed for fear of losing some paid advertisements? Does this stuff not cross your minds, people? Please leave the ABC alone.

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WA 6285 

[REDACTED]


From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: I believe in a public broadcasting role

The ABC is my go to for deep research into current affairs. Sometimes they get it wrong but when compared to other sources are right most of the time. I enjoy many of their amazing programs, such a relief from boring reality, cheap commercial programs. Would like to see six o clock rock reintroduced in a modern format. I know triple j do a great job on recognising Aussie talent but nothing like a visual. How good is Landline and Four corners. Most media awards are won by the ABC so they are doing a lot right. Upset about the cut by a thousand strokes by the government.

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NSW 2469 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

I feel very strongly that the ABC should remain in public hands. I have been watching the ABC since childhood as have my young children. The fair minded nature and quality of content would be severely undermined if it become privatised . We have enough private media outlets.

I bet the British would never privatise the BBC.

I live in a rural community and know our community would be negatively impacted by privatisation of the ABC with regard to local content and local jobs.

The ABC is an icon I don't want to see dismantled by the whim of politicians that can't take fair criticism.

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TAS 7250



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: It IS OUR ABC Not The Liberal Partys

Hello,

I grew up rural and so the sound of the reliable ABC news intro still calls me to sit and listen. It runs through my veins. To me the ABC is vital for all Australians - it is not and never should be a mouth piece for disaffected Governments like the current one. They ought to be ashamed of themselves. Although they are naturally all bought by their backers.... There is enough media that the Liberal Party can purchase - they are being bullies of the worst kind.

Here ion regional WA re rely on the ABC, it is a wonderful resource from the nightly news, the dramas, 4 Corners and lately I can even use iView to catch up on what I have missed.

The ABC has been the heart and soul of our nation and it is vital it remains a PUBLIC broadcaster. Public broadcasting safeguards our democracy because not is not afraid to stand up and say that politician are doing wrong. As they are clearly in this case. Commercial media can be bought - our ABC cannot.

Hands off Liberal Party Right wing thugs. You should be ashamed of yourself.

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Orchid Valley WA 6394

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WA 6020



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: [REDACTED]


I have only started to listen to the ABC over the last two years, and I find it an indispensable source of news, stories and analysis that is far superior to private media outlets.

Public broadcasters have a unique responsibility to provide a public good to citizens, rather than the more narrowly defined and easily measured mission of commercial broadcaster. Public broadcasters command a much higher level of public trust than the commercial media, and this is certainly true of the ABC.

A public ABC is essential to keep Australian citizens knowledgeable about social, political and economic issues they need to vote in an informed way. A public ABC is fundamental to vibrant democracy.

Privatising the ABC would be a public travesty and will most certainly will be an election issue.

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NSW 2027 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do NOT sell the ABC

The ABC should NOT be sold to become a private commercial business. Australia is a democracy and should have an unbiased honest and trustworthy TV station with decent standard of programmes for all ages, Loyal to the Australian people not commercial \$\$\$\$ It is important for an HONEST democracy that it stays the way it is, not uninfluenced by money or politics!

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WA 6024 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hand's.

The ABC is such a great force. Untied to corporations or political parties. It has been with me my entire life. So many magical shows. Local and foreign. So ahead of it's time and unfettered by consumerist necessity. Kind regards,

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NSW 2481




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise our ABC...!

The ABC is a national treasure. It represents an alternative to commercial television in the form of a diverse range of programs....from Nature & Wildlife documentaries to Political Programs & Current affairs to Children's programs. The ABC format **MUST NOT BE CHANGED & THE QUALITY OF IT'S PROGRAMS REDUCED BY PRIVATISATION....! DON'T PRIVATISE THE ABC...! AUSTRALIANS DON'T WANT THIS...! WAKE UP LIBS.....!**

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NSW 2293 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must remain as an independent and public institution!

Ever since I can remember the ABC radio has been an absolute godsend - as young person prior TV I and my family always listened to the news and entertainment programs. 1956 was such an important time when Television came into being and again we were so appreciative of how the ABC was able to give us documentaries and entertainment without the commercial advertising that was and is so disruptive. We would be so much poorer without the excellent reporting that programs like 4Corners, Foreign Correspondents as only a few of the wonderful programs provided for many years and which I am so appreciative of

Public broadcasting is absolutely vital in a democracy such as ours! Commercialising this wonderful institution would be devastating. Then we would really know what it means to be biased, to be at the heist of those people pulling the commercial/profit strings!
This must never happen!

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VIC 3016 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC Public owned

OVER MY DEAD BODY

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VIC 3922



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC is Priceless!

As an Australian I am keenly aware that I am privileged to live in a nation which can boast access to a free press. This privilege should be a universal right but greed and power seem intent on preventing that from being realised in so many other countries. The ABC and it's capacity to fund authentic, fearless, quality, investigative journalism and culturally unique program content, particularly for children and young people, is the bastion of this privilege/right. No amount of legislation, good intent or money can ensure that a private provider would deliver the same service. Only an ABC owned by the people for the people can guarantee our access to a free and fair press.

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ACT 2617 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC for all

Who, if not the ABC, is to set the standard for the 4th estate - Abetz ?, Murdoch?, Hanson?, If you fear the penetrative gaze of the ABC you've got too much to hide. Politics divides, the ABC unites.. Long live the ABC.

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NSW 2430



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

ABC is essential to provide well referenced fair balanced reporting on significant issues

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NSW 2107



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC!

ABC & SBS news are the sources of trustworthy television media in this country & MUST be retained to balance the biased nonsense of the media moguls that seek Trumpism in Australia

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NSW 2515




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do Not privatise the ABC

Do Not privatise the ABC! I listen to all it's wonderful programs from the religion report, the science show, the music show, this American life, the health report with the beloved Mr. Swan. God Forbid, the book hub, the art hub and go to bed with late night live. I do not have T.V. so the ABC on radio is absolutely my life line to the world. In depth shows lie back ground briefing are essential; I even like the tweet of the week. PLEASE keep the ABC. DO NOT privatise.

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SA 5009 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC in Public Hands

Australia is already becoming increasingly authoritarian. (cf the terrorism laws which give government unprecedented powers) Privatising the ABC will exacerbate that process. If we lose the ABC then there will be virtually no objective scrutiny of the rich and powerful (which is, of course, why the rich and powerful want it.)

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NSW 2580




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Give the ABC more money don't privatise it

Commercial journalists and shock jocks say what they are paid to say. Remember the 'Cash for comments'? The ABC is the only trusted voice. Despite what the flat earth and no climate change Neanderthals whinge and moan about, the ABC is the only media outlet left that is not corrupted by money or the policy directions of the owner. Governments of both persuasions hate it because it reveals the truth. I trust the ABC. I am aware of the stringent rules regarding impartiality. This does not mean allowing Pauline Hanson equal time with the P. M. For example. Give it more money. In this age of fake news we need the ABC more than ever

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TAS 7020 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC must remain in public hands for the public good . All the great western democracies have a public broadcaster and those broadcasters have contributed so much to public life , to the longevity of our democracies . Corporate broadcasters are governed by boards who represent shareholders at the expense of truth, analyses,quality , independence and transparency . Can you seriously imagine Australia without 4 corners .the ABC is the voice in the night in far flung regions, calling us together , calling us home . THE ABC keeps the bastards honest , Andrew Ollie , where are you when we need you most ?

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NSW 2015



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public hands

We watch the ABC on a daily basis. Together with SBS, the ABC is a source of both excellent entertainment, commentary and trusted News. In particular the ABC focuses on real issues both in Australia and globally. The Commercial channels provide shallow coverage which is unbalanced and focuses almost solely on Australia and does not cover anything in depth or with any rigour. It would be a massive loss to Australia if the ABC was privatised and as a result just became another commercial station.

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VIC 3016



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please NEVER privatise the ABC

The ABC is a national institution for most Australians.
I believe it to be honest, reliable and unbiased.
Everyone knows this will change if privatisation occurs.
Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.
After spending time in the USA, it would break my heart to see Australia head that way.
I have grown up with the ABC and SBS, and believe they made me a better human.
AND WHO WANTS TO LIVE IN A WORLD WITHOUT RAGE????!!

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

WA 6004



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

Maintaining the ABC as is is essential. I'm not sure why the Coalition is attacking the ABC. Public broadcasting plays an important role in our society. Serious issues are discussed. The perceived bias of the ABC is a red herring. Is there no bias in commercial broadcasting?

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NSW 2221




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC belongs to all Australians!!

One of the pillars of our democracy is the freedom of information.
But our media is not doing any analysis or providing different points of view.
The quality of content; and platform for artists and new programs have granted a place for the ABC in our
ADN as a nation.
Are we going to destroy what has been created with the money and budgets of all Australians??
To provide a service for rural and "non profitable" markets... who will do it? the monopolys of information.

We need to see what a misinformed public opinion achieves,,, just look across the ocean... our big partner is
already suffering the consequences.

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NSW 2260 

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From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:10 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: [Redacted]

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

An independent broadcaster is paramount to the operation of a democratic state. Hands off OUR ABC. A free Press is our only salvation from the tyranny of a dictatorship. I would happily pay more than 4 cents a day to keep our ABC alive and out of the hands of private ownership. Privatised at your peril!!!

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VIC 3124




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Protect the ABC!

The ABC is an Australian icon. Anyone acting against the ABC is un-Australian and should be deported.

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VIC 3057 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do Not Sell Our ABC

As long as I can remember the ABC has been a beloved and trusted part of my life. As a child on remote cattle properties I listened to the music, the news, the sports commentary. So much. Just always there. Always trusted. Then TV. My children learned from playschool, FlowerPot Men etc etc. The ABC must remain independent of political parties. In this time of endless false news of our leaders not leading, we need something we can trust.!! Something to believe in. To truthfully inform us of the facts. Not swayed by someone's ideology. Do not sell the ABC. Keep the trust.

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QLD 4670 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please Keep the ABC in the hands of the public

The ABC provides excellent political, comedic and informative media. Privatising the ABC i feel is a terrible idea, it will change the whole dynamic and freedom of the ABC. I need the ABC to remain government funded. Australia needs the ABC to remain a government organisation.

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NSW 2323




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: We need to keep the ABC in public hands!

We all know this, although the politicians will not admit it, the ABC is the main force that is keeping the bastards honest. We need a government owned Australian Broadcasting Corporation!


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VIC 3690 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC broadcasting equals good news

Not only do I live in a regional area where at times the only radio signal is the ABC, but I rely on my ABC for in-depth enquiry on issues important to me and my family. This is coverage I never hear on the commercial networks- and it's obvious that public broadcasters DO have an advantage, as they are not and should not be driven by commerce. Where for instance is the commercial imperative to make quality Australian drama, documentaries on culture, duplicity by large organisations and diligently examine current local, national and international topics. Thats stuff a business won't and can't do. Keep the ABC in public hands!

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[REDACTED]
NSW 2830 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC public!!!

The ABC is an incredibly important public service which I rely on daily for public opinion and fact on a broad range of topics relevant Australians today. To be it would be absolutely abhorrent to think that the ABC could be privatised by the liberal party. This is a public service which I wish to continue funding with my tax. Kind Regards, [REDACTED]

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VIC 3747




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands.

The ABC has long been a valued icon of life in Australia and just because some off centre nutters can't take a bit of criticism is no reason to even consider privatisation. I, like many friends of all persuasions, will strongly vote against any attempt at privatisation.

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VIC 3931 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC , Australia's Iconic organisation at risk.

I regard the ABC as the Iconic organisation in this country. Australians can be very proud of an organisation that provides 24 hour honest and accurate quality reporting of local and international news. Where ever I travel in Australia I can hear great discussion and analysis of peoples lives, their challenges and loves in a country as diverse as Australia. The ABC provides great coverage of Education, science, lifestyle and provides Australia wide coverage of many sports. Australians want intellegent discussion about topics that trouble them and how to provide a better environment for all Australians.

The ABC provides an avenue for the hard subjects that effect peoples lives, Drug and alchahol abuse, domestic violence, mental health issues, all the subjects that commercial media are not interested in. The ABC has become a target of the Right because it doesn't like its policies deceminated discussed in in detail.

The ABC reaches 99% of the population and provides a link for many very isolated communities to the outside world.

Like the BBC ,the ABC is regarded the most trusted organisation in the country. Its too precious to loose. And most of all Australians love media without bloody advertising.

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WA 6153 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in the public realm thankyou

TheABC network belongs to the people and I being one of the voting public reject your decision to privatise my choice in news and entertainment! Leave what we all own as it currently exists or we will make sure you feel our collective wrath in the next election..... [REDACTED]

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QLD 4825 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC should be publically funded!

Dear Panel Members

I am a great supporter of the ABC. The ABC runs local stories and supports our communities through good times and bad. It runs great Australian content, documentaries and public interest stories without fear or favour. I feel we have less and less diversity in our newspapers and TV stations as they run on programs and stories based on popularity rather than being informative and open. As a family we have always felt secure letting our children watch the ABC knowing that they are not being marketed to and encouraged into unhealthy choices and rabid consumerism. I believe the ABC should not be privatised, it is the face and voice of Australia and therefore should still operate as a publicly funded body. Regards [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

TAS 7004 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keeping the ABC..... PUBLIC


My wife and I are pensioners who live in regional Victoria. we have both worked all of our lives and now live off grid growing our own vegetables and fruits .

The ABC provides programs for our general interests that other media do not cover .

We are constant listeners to ABC radio for what we believe to be unbiased news and current affairs, and particularly appreciate not being interrupted by annoying stupid ads.

Having worked and paid taxes all our lives and completed 2 years National Service , we feel entitled to a public broadcaster like the ABC.

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VIC 3451 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is an important contributor to Australian democracy. It serves all sectors of the community without needing to satisfy advertisers or owners. It is in the position of being able to support the making of innovative programs as profit should not be the key goal. It should be funded generously and be governed by a skilled and representative board. The benefits a well funded public ABC go well beyond ratings and includes national credibility, cultural expression and balanced reporting

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VIC 3161



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC is important to me as it is NOT BIAS and INDEPENDENT..of Advertising. .
Important: it is very important for all Australians as we are a democratic country. .

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SA 5173




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC PUBLIC!!!

To whom it may concern,
It's imperative that the ABC remain public. It's a resource we trust & respect for honest news & views! The programmes - especially children's programmes are wonderful & educational. Four corners, landline, Gruen transfer, Q&Z are fantastic well researched & unbiased & independent.
The ABC needs to remain public in order to make all the other broadcasters accountable!

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SA 5235 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please keep our ABC!

Articulate, intelligent media is so rare in the landscape today- some people find the sensationalising of the news and current affairs that commercial media specialize in suits their desire for entertainment I guess. But for people who are really keen to hear truthful , conscientious reporting to enable them to attempt to make real sense of the complex world we live in, the ABC is indispensable. I honestly feel some people see "left wing bias" in the national broadcaster because of it's commitment to a searching way of looking at issues- people of so-called right wing proclivities tend to be concrete and rigid in their thinking, and necessarily find it hard to accept a broad -minded approach to society's issues. Never-the-less, the ABC is popular across many social strata I think because most people can appreciate at some level the value of real quality in news, current affairs and entertainment.

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
VIC 3807 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in our hands

Since I arrived in Australia in December 1972 I have relied on and enjoyed our ABC each and every day. We all know how important an independent and fearless Auntie is to this country and it's people. Having come from the Republic of Ireland I know how vital an independent RTE and BBC is. Now more than ever in these days of fake news we need our independent ABC. If a government of any persuasion seeks to deminish and gag the ABC it must have many things to hide.

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WA 6030 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC in public hands

It is getting harder and harder to find out what is really going on in this country now and the ABC as it is currently set up is one source of mostly reliable information. Without reliable sources our Democracy is threatened as there are numerous individuals and groups who are motivated by self interest rather than the best interests of the majority of the population. The ABC has done a great job in highlighting issues of concern that governments and vested interests prefer to keep quiet or to present only biased viewpoints. All Australians need an ABC with sufficient funding and freedom from inappropriate influence. Truth and freedom of speech are fundamental to a democratic country such as ours and clearly these are under threat today from certain government and other groupings.

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NSW 2250 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC: The intellectual and emotional glue of Australia

There is no more important institution in Australia than the ABC. It formed my sensibility as a young child in the 50s when I was an Argonaut. Without the cultural formation of those years, which also included listening to lots of Australian radio plays, documentaries on all sorts of subjects, I may not have made my career in Academe and as an arts practitioner. Not the most lucrative occupations for a smart woman, but one that I hope makes an ongoing contribution to cultural life in this country as a writer, producer, editor. I could have been a lawyer. I'm glad I didn't take that path. I'd go to the barricades for the ABC. The quality is simply not there in the commercial stations and I use them with huge misgivings about their motivations, the ads, the sensationalism, none of which I need endure on ABC. You'd never find the Law Report or the Health Show or Mystery Road on commercials: such shows continually extend my understanding. It's also the glue of this vast country, perhaps more significant to country folk even than the chattering classes in the city. I trust the ABC more than any other social entity. Touch its independence and you'll be damaging the psyche of this great nation.

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VIC 3129 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

It is a long time since I signed a get-up petition but the events of the past few days have really riled me. The ABC is consistently my radio or TV broadcaster of choice. The beauty of it is that it produces quality programs that are Australian in content - the recent series Mystery Road is a fabulous example. I cannot stand the never-ending claims of bias against the Liberal party- have you asked Amanda Vanstone, one of the people I listen to on the ABC her opinion on that? In my opinion the ABC is balanced in its commentary- or at least attempts to be as opposed to the drivel that is presented on commercial broadcasters. The ABC is a national institution, it should not be privatised.

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NSW 2040 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: privatisation of the ABC

although still bias and restrain by the government. The ABC is the only media that does not work and be paid and control by the big end of town and the big cooperates, such as channel 7, 9, 10 and to an extent SBS...

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[REDACTED]

NSW 2567 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not destroy the PEOPLE'S abc

Basically my wife and I only watch the ABC-for the rest we watch SBS-never commercial TV.

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VIC 3451



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC public

I regard the ABC and the existence of a public broadcaster as a fundamental pillar of an advanced democratic society. It allows a broad range of topics to be covered without recourse to financial incentive from advertisers and business owners. The ABC provides far and away the highest level of quality of any TV station and the idea of commercialising it is for me a most repugnant concept. The public broadcaster provides multiple broadcasts that would otherwise not exist, most notably the regional services which are beyond commercial comparison.

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[REDACTED]

NSW 2070



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC!

The ABC is known and loved by Australians from all walks of life. Our daughter grew up on its children's programs, beloved by many others I know. We can tune in to programs where debates from all sides of politics can be heard. Thanks to the ABC quality investigative reporting still exists, not just stories picked up from newsfeeds. High quality documentaries, comedy and drama (budget constraints permitting) and services to regional areas. The list goes on and on. Many of these things are not of commercial value, and we will lose an institution that many generations have grown up with. Do not do this. I am confident there will be political backlash!

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SA 5044 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off our ABC

The ABC and SBS absolutely must remain public broadcasters not only in the public interest but in Australia's and our nations interest. You have sold off our assets one by one and it has not added any value to the quality of life. You have leased our Ports like Darwin and Newcastle to the Chinese, let them and other interests buy our country out from under us something no other country would allow, you are the worst governing body Australia has ever had, you give yourselves a 6% raise while the rest tighten our belts, Jie Hockey gets two bites of the cherry in pensions after he used taxpayer funded monies for his wife to purchase property in Canberra- and these are just a few of my gripes. Sell off our ABC and I guarantee you I will go to war to make you pay. The ABC gives value and earns the trust we place in its integrity - unlike the politicians we are unfortunate enough to have in government now who do not even know the meaning of the word. [REDACTED]

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TAS 7215 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Foster free-speech by honouring the ABC's independence

I like the Australia of yesteryear because there was an admirable degree of honour and honesty in politics that no longer exists. Dishonourable politicians do not want to be held to account and so would like to remove unbiased investigative journalism. Hence they would like to eradicate the last bastion of unbiased investigative journalism - the ABC.

THEY DO THIS AT THEIR PERRIL AS THIS MOTIVATES PEOPLE LIKE ME TO FIGHT.
I WILL BE DOOR-KNOCKING TO ENGAGE WITH AND MOTIVATE MY FELLOW AUSTRALIANS
TO OUST THIS PARLIAMENTARY SCUM IN THE FORTH-COMING ELLECTIONS.

[REDACTED] (a very angry voter)

[REDACTED]

VIC 3149



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatisation of the ABC

The ANC belongs to the public not politicians. It is the only organisation that is fair and balanced unlike other media organisations. Those who complain loudest are those who don't like being questioned for their policies which may be dubious or lies. I don't trust Politicians and without the ABC politicians will be even more untreated because there would be no one to scrutinise their policies

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VIC 3143



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

Please don't even think about privatising the ABC - it's the only channel worth watching

[REDACTED]

QLD 4223



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public Hands

I'll make this request simple so even politicians are capable of understanding.


For me, the ABC is absolutely, positively the ONLY news source I trust. Privatised the ABC and Australia has no watchdog keeping politicians at least somewhat honest.

Of course if you are a corrupt politician then naturally you want the ABC privatised.

Are you corrupt?

Keep the ABC in public hands.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

NSW 2575 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC!

Democracy needs an independent unbiased broadcaster. We do not want to become like the USA. Save the ABC.

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QLD 4122




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC is not for sale or dismantling.

The far right of politics and society believes no one or nothing should stand in question of their self centred objectives.
The Coalition is trying to emasculate the ABC by budgetary constraints, supported in large part by media with vested interests.
This society is splitting down the middle, and posturing to promote social division only serves to further that situation.
Politics in Australia is not up for diverse scrutiny, vested interests need to do whatever stands in their way, that is why there are subtle probes into dismantling and selling off the ABC, something we the people own.

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VIC 3188 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC belongs to the people, keep it there.

All recent governments have thought the ABC is biased against them.

This would confirm that there is no bias, just comment about the government of the day.
The ABC is the only source of unbiased information in Australia and should never be privatised. I and my wife are floating voters and need an authoritative news source. We would certainly vote against any party that threatened to commercialise "Aunty"

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VIC 3149 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save the ABC

In this neo-Liberal rich get richer world - the ABC is the ONLY media I watch or listen to. You kill it at your peril.

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TAS 7018




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't further weaken the ABC

I grew up in the bush and we trusted the ABC for news, weather, bush fire information and entertainment. And I still do. I very rarely watch anything except the ABC and SBS, and I live in Liberal heartland in Julie Bishop's electorate. Please leave our ABC alone, as it plays a vital role in our healthy democracy. The relentless bagging of the ABC looks very much like the bagging of democracy and diverse voices.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

WA 6012 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

Keep the ABC public to ensure our government, institutions and society remains transparent and accountable.

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VIC 3978




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in our hands

We should NOT privatise the ABC because i believe that it would mean that there would not be any more accountability. The ABC has excellent journalists who do great work. They are like the checks and balances not unlike the “risk” managers of our Australian media. If you remove them, you remove OUR voice -the voice of the average man and woman. You remove them and you remove the integrity of the profession. You also risk losing jobs in a profession that has already been decimated. You also enable media bosses to manipulate news, how the public receives the news and the few people who are to read or write the news. The ABC really does help keep the bastards honest. DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN.

[REDACTED]


VIC 3040 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Never privatise the ABC - it is needed for our democracy

We need a broadcaster not tied to corporate influence. The ABC is that.

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QLD 4178 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC Privitisation

ABC is an essential service providing impartial news to Australian people. It is the only non-commercial TV service. The Coalition has been attempting to intimidate the ABC because it reports impartially about some of the dreadful things the Government is trying to push through. The ABC should not be privatised, it should be properly funded and should be free of Government interference.

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WA 6160 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public!

It's important to me to keep our ABC away from commercial interests. It's the last channel for us to have access to unbiased free press in this country!

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NSW 2090 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatizing the ABC

What the ABC provides for its listeners cannot be provided commercially. Classical music is not played on other radio stations, in-depth informed and enlightened documentaries are invaluable, political analysis is free from the control of vested interests, and investigative journalism that asks questions not raised by other providers is cutting edge in keeping democracy healthy. Without the ABC the electorate would be ignorant of vital issues and their importance to Australian society. The hard right disrespects the opinion of those who are not represented by them and their narrow self interested agenda. Naturally the demise of all that the ABC represents would be to their political advantage. Free speech and access to information is under threat if the independent ABC is sold.

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NSW 2232 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: I do not want the ABC to be privatised

I do not want the ABC to be privatised as it would have to rely on advertising revenue. Where it would be open to being pressured by advertisers

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NSW 2577



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The last thing Australia needs is to lose its ABC to privatisation. Can you just imagine if FOX got hold of it and we are subjected to the likes of FOX news - which is an oxymoron!

[REDACTED]

NSW 2536



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

Hands off the ABC. This is IDEALOGICAL BASTARDY by the right wing of the Liberal party, who appear to have a fear of relying on our democratic process of the electoral system.

[REDACTED]

WA 6164




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands.

I am as a tax paying citizen of Australia distraught at the blatant attack on the ABC by the current Federal Government and minor conservative parties, and their blatant desire to privatise our ABC. I feel very strongly that the ABC is the only non-biased agenda driven news service left in this country, and therefore the only news service which can be trusted to report the news in a fair and truthful way. I am also very dimayed at how close our Federal Government is to Media magnates and other special interest groups, whom are in no way acting in the interest of the Australian people. I think it borders on criminal, if not treasonous for these politicians to appear to be acting in the interests of Media moguls before the needs of the people. The ABC has always been like a safe place to go, untouched by commercial interests which has always been there from my earliest childhood memories, and to those of my children. To think this is under attack by greedy self interested politicians makes my blood boil. I like tens of thousands of others will be remembering this when the next election comes around and whichever partie or politician protects the ABC will get my votes. And also i will be looking very closely next time at my Senate voting and where my preferences are going based on the absolute circus we have as a Senate at the moment.

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VIC 3216 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do NOT privatise our ABC!

The ABC is my main source of news and information - it is the most accurate, comprehensive, and balanced in Australia. Private media outlets are always slanted according to the bias of owners and boards - I will always choose public oversight over private agendas.

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[REDACTED]

NSW 2250 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Is the privatisation of the ABC illegal?

Privatisation of the ABC should only be co templated by referendum

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NSW 2000



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: LEAVE THE ABC ALONE

The ABC has much better programs than the commercial channels and NO advertisement breaks. They is much talk about bias in regards to the ABC. However there is more bias in the commercial stations ans some newspapers. Indeed the ABC offsets such bias. Further it provides good programs for children. In this world of chasing profits pensioners and other low income earners fall behind. If the ABC falls in to private hands we will see the introduction of fees which has occurred via Foxtel etc. Those people cannot afford such fees and the ABC needs to remain a free broadcaster.

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NSW 2146




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Radio National is my companion at breakfast, while classic FM assists my working day. The science show, the philosophers' zone, etc generate thinking and ideas. Landline on Sunday and Friday's Gardening Aus are compulsory viewing. Please leave them be.

[REDACTED]

SA 5211 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC

I can think of so many reasons why our ABC is an integral part of our Australian identity. I grew up with my mother listening to the ABC in the kitchen as we readied for school. This was a tradition passed down from generation to generation and I have continued this tradition. I listen to the abc radio every morning and every evening and trust in intelligent debate and conversation and hard questions we have to ask and query. It represents experts within their fields and personal stories that are often untold in other media. I am terrified to think what Australia is if is not a country that advocates unprovatised debate, culture and critical thinking. All these things do not make money but are the true indicators of a rich and prosperous country.

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NSW 2096 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep abc in public hands

The Abc is and always has been an important part of my life. The standard of the programs, the independence and the ability to watch something uninterrupted by advertising are all important to me. I could name on 1 hand the programs I watch on commercial tv. I can not believe anyone could seriously consider selling this important culture resource. Yours sincerely [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]


VIC 3084 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC must NEVER be privatised. As one of the last bastions of free opinion in a rapidly corporatised world, where public and political opinions are bought, sold and manipulated, we, the general public, desperately hold on to "our" ABC. Please don't allow our collective dignity to be sold off like so much of Australia and it's institutions already have been.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

VIC 3060 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

The ABC belongs to the people of Australia ,not the Liberal Party!

[REDACTED]

SA 5608



[REDACTED]


From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Enshrine the Independence of the ABC from political interference

The cornerstone of our democracy and continuity of intelligent services is the separation of political influence from administrative intelligence - we once knew it as the "without fear or favour" principle. In this, the Independent national broadcaster - OUR ABC - should be free from the politicization that is current. It has a responsibility to broadcast analysis of current affairs and if Government doesn't like the slant being taken may it need s to consider the wisdom of it's policies. The ABC will know if its thrust is unappreciated by its audience by audience numbers - 10 % of listening/watching audience is enough to satisfy this criterion.

It is to be hoped that the electorate appreciate our democracy sufficiently to oust your Party and if necessary Labor if they don't get this fundamental principle of our democracy.

WITHOUT FEAR OR FAVOUR

[REDACTED]


VIC 3350 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

The ABC is a resource that I'm proud to pay for. In the country it is a vital conduit to the world and has the most respected news in Australia. It must not be at the mercy of the vested interests. Just look at Fox and friends in USA. Young liberals, grow up for goodness sake.

[REDACTED]

VIC 3500 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP ABC OUT OF PRIVATE GREEDY HANDS

ABC MUST NOT BE PRIVATIZED TO KEEP BIG CORPORATE GREED OUT OF A VITAL BROADCASTING OUTLET.

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[REDACTED] 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public's hands

Keeping the ABC in public hands is essential to enable our democracy to function well. The ABC is needed as an independent media to help “keep the bastards in power honest” - whether government or business. It’s also very important for people in rural and remote areas to have an adequate service.

[REDACTED]

VIC 3160



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC plays a vital role in rural and regional Australia. For many years it has served our country well; it is the hub of information in disasters. Being a public broadcaster means that we trust the ABC. Its news coverage is independent, authoritative and unbiased. The ABC also plays an important role in current affairs and its high quality, independent investigative journalism is a crucial part of a vibrant, strong democracy. My children loved the children's programs and so does my grandson today. Generations of children have grown up on Play School and parents have blessed the ABC for giving them a break. Also, the ABC has produced fine local dramas. We need the ABC to continue doing this, free from the commercial whims and fads of private companies. I love the ABC and so does my family. Please, please do not let this wonderful institution pass out of public hands.

[REDACTED]

VIC 3071



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC

The ABC and SMH are my source for unbiased commentary on daily issues that concern me.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

QLD 4509




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in private hands

Please think twice before proceeding with the privatisation of the ABC. Politicians should be doing positive things for society, and taking the ABC from the public is not positive.

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[REDACTED]

NSW 2548 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The Liberal Council does not represent Australians

Whatever your argument, privatising the ABC is a decision to be made by the people, in a general election. Should this be your desired path you must make a fair and reasonable case to the electorate. I am sure I am not the only constituent who would gladly take a tax increase to cover the costs, not that cost has anything to do with this desire.

What I can tell you unequivocally is that any party that makes its position that the ABC should be privatised will never see a vote from me again. This is my pledge to you.

[REDACTED]

QLD 4011 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please keep our ABC in public hands


I live in regional Western Australia and rely on the ABC for quality, well-researched, unbiased, rigorous, local, regional, state, national and world news and enjoy its programs and documentaries that are willing to ask the important questions in their search for the truth. This cannot be compared with the quality of commercial media, which is often sensationalist and always peppered by lots of commercial advertising.

The ABC is now the only television channel in Australia that I can watch free of commercial advertising and I only listen to the ABC radio when travelling in my car.

I am deeply concerned about the Coalition's attacks on the ABC and the implications for our democracy and the basic human right of free speech. One can only ask why the Coalition would need to attack the ABC and what they are afraid of.

Please protect the ABC - if we hand it over to commercial interests, we will lose the very thing we value it for - independent, honest journalism and quality programs. We must subsidise it.

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WA 6330 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do NOT privatise OUR ABC

I've waited years for grandchildren and now have an almost 2 year old grandson who brings much joy. I love watching him enjoy ABC TV children's programs such as Bananas in Pyjamas, Play School and Peppa Pig.

I avidly watch ABC TV news and programs such as QandA, Four Corners, 7.30 Report - just to mention a few.

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


ABC serves the public interest with balanced reporting and honest, courageous journalists and presenters - professionals with integrity.

The government would be ill-advised to try and privatise OUR ABC.

Thank you for your support in NOT privatising ABC.

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2223 NSW

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[REDACTED]

NSW 2223 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatisation of the ABC

I am agast at the thought of our abc being privatised. It holds a central place in my whole family's life. My children grew up with Play School, our whole family relies on an unbiased news bulletin, who knows what would happen to those with a lower set of values than us without Four Corners? which continues to prise open the closed doors of the less than honest members of society. The very few dramas made by our broadcaster are always top notch. The journalists attracted to it are of a very high standard and continue to be winners of multiple annual awards.

The abc is such an integral part of our society and it's underpinnings that it's unthinkable to not have it. Surely country people's lives would be diminished without it.

What are these people who want it privatised afraid of? Surely it's not the public money needed to run it! I know that people of all political persuasions in our little town have been muttering darkly about taking to the street.

The influence of owners, sponsors and advertisers on a privately owned abc would change its independence and so honesty.

I don't believe that the average Australian will take any move like this well at all.

We love our ABC with all its flaws!

[REDACTED]

NSW 2325



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

With all the commercial media being biased toward the interests of the rich and powerful the ABC is the ONLY voice of the people. In a sea of newsertainment the ABC provides something toward decent and serious information. It seems to me that both left leaning and right leaning people think the ABC is biased which likely means it is the closest to even and balanced opinion.

The coalition and Labor when in government both criticise the ABC - but the coalition more so. The ABC is most likely of all of the media to shed light on corruption and poor dealings by government and corporates. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media. Commercial media is about money and profit and of course its content will be swayed toward making money for shareholders. A public broadcaster is not beholden to money and profit and that makes it more trustworthy. Providing services to country people - probably not very profitable - is essential. It is through the public broadcaster that we get emergency information in bushfires etc. Leave our ABC alone and continue to fund it to provide an essential public service without interference from people who do not want corruption etc to be exposed.

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SA 5085 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC!

I am alarmed to think that there is serious consideration being given to privatising the ABC. The ABC is a key institution of our democracy and privatising the ABC will mean less independence and balance in our news reporting and analysis.

Please do not make any moves towards privatisation of the ABC.

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VIC 3216




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: DON'T privatise our precious public broadcaster

Why create yet another clone of Seven, Nine and Ten out of the ABC. Those three are MORE than enough for mediocre rehashing of Murdoch's ambitions. And that is just talking TV. Radio is in an equally dire situation. Instead of dismantling Public broadcasting you should be beefing it up.

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
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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC. Nurture it.

When I observe the point-seeking rants by “leading” politicians in Federal parliament, I realise why someone observed that the ABC is our foremost cultural institution. The ABC conducts political discussions with civility (pollies, pay attention). The ABC keeps us informed of local, state, Australian and foreign affairs. I rarely watch or listen to commercial TV and radio as I detest being browbeaten by advertisements. Refund the ABC and treasure it. It is a fundamental part of democracy in Australia.

[REDACTED]

WA 6050 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands - only.

The ABC is very important for me. 4 Corners is my most trusted news source, Australia Story gave me insights, I can go on to list many more programs that the ABC has produced that have helped me stay in Australia (I am an Australian citizen) and not leave to offer my high skills elsewhere in the world. I LOVE the ABC. The ABC is what defines Australia, Australians and me. It is a most unique and precious part of the Australian psyche.

I am concerned that the Coalitions's attacks on our ABC means our society will suffer - more than you can ever imagine.

The ABC MUST remain 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.

My, and other people's, adult children have been educated as a result of the ABC and it's excellent educational and insightful programs.

Threatening the ABC is to threaten our democratic spirit. Stop this crazy idea of privatizing what the public depends on for its sanity. Stop the idea of any kind of privatization of the ABC in its tracks, NOW.

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VIC 3070



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC and SBS as public broadcasters

I have been listening to ABC radio and watching ABC and SBS television for 34 years. I value the balanced approach that it offers and feel that this is a direct result of being public broadcasters and not beholden to private enterprise. I am concerned that the Coalition will privatise the ABC and SBS and consider that this would be a retrograde step to take. Australia is a democracy thankfully and public broadcasting is very much a part of this. It cannot be compared to commercial broadcasting. The first is free to explore areas that the second is not due to its commercial backing. Leave the ABC and SBS alone please

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VIC 3461



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

It is imperative to the welfare of all Australians that there is a non-commercial broadcaster providing news and commentary of the world without any interference from media moguls or extreme politicians or anyone else who has an axe to grind. I rely on the ABC radio news and current affairs programs to keep up to date with what is happening. Please keep the ABC in public hands. Thank you.

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NSW 2777



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

The ABC is a cornerstone of Australian society, and likely THE most treasured public asset. Its independent, quality journalism makes it one of the few trusted sources for news, investigative journalism, and social commentary. It also provides entertainment with Australian content, dedicated quality programming for children and many many other programs.


The ABC must stay in public hands, and needs to be adequately resourced to stay on the cutting edge of media offerings.

The Liberal government needs to heed the enormous support and goodwill the Australian public holds for our ABC.

Please keep the ABC in public hands, and fund it adequately.

In solidarity with the ABC,

[REDACTED]

TAS 7178 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP OUR ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS

The assault on our ABC is destroying the essence of free speech necessary for a true democracy. The Turnbull neoconservative government is feeding economic rationalism at the expense of freedom of expression and human connectedness .
Thus they want to create a propaganda campaign which through spin doctors and corporate campaigns will dumb down the population to
Make people fodder for a controlling wealthy elite

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VIC 3151



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!!

The ABC must remain a fully independent government owned broadcaster. With an independent board.

As it is it is an essential part of our democracy.

It should never be privatised and must remain fully government owned.

It should be free of advertising.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2074




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public!

The very idea that the ABC might be privatised chills me to the bone. It's the one reliable audio-visual news source we have, and if it goes we might as well forget any illusions we have building a fair society and raise the stars and stripes. As for Senator Abetz's hair-raising notion that 'the market' might take care of the ABC's privatisation, strap him down and make him watch 7 or 9 for a day, then invite to say which he'd like to get his news from and who he wants it sponsored by. Privatised the ABC? Never!

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NSW 2782 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

For the last 20 years I have seen whichever government was in power sell off our public amenities. This was meant to create competition and make the different sectors more productive! Did that work? Not really. Now you want to sell off the last decent channel on TV! The only real investigative journalism left in Australia! Shows like Four Corners, Dateline, and the News help to keep both corporations and the government (either party!) honest and accountable. The media is only ever policed by Media Watch who even expose other ABC journalists. The real reason you want to privatise it is because you think the ABC favours the left. Interesting that ever other channel obviously favours the right because they are owned by the rich who benefit from right wing policies, especially tax rates. At least the ABC can say whatever they want and are not beholden to a CEO who decides what the public should hear and see. I am happy for my tax dollars to go towards a TV station that has the public's interests at heart, not profits! Don't you dare sell off my voice!

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

VIC 3941




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC for the people

The ABC is the spiritual and cultural heartbeat of our country and privatisation will only result in more commercially driven vapid content on our screens

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NSW 2017 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

No No No. Please don't privatise the ABC. It's my main source of television watching. It's full of interesting and varied programmes. It's a pleasure to watch the ABC as advertising never has interrupted a programme. It's fantastic to watch Australian owned and produced television that has substance rather than shallow dramas or magazine styled news that commercial stations offer. It will be a very sad day that sees the end of a national institution that has enriched the lives of generations. I am disappointed that the privatisation of the ABC is even being considered.


[REDACTED]

WA 6064 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands!

I am quite concerned at the proposition that the ABC should be sold and privatised. Most of the programs I watch are on the ABC. I believe it speaks to and for true Australians and is a symbol of our democracy and freedom. It can not be compared to commercial media, and would be an irreplaceable loss. The number of times that ABC have spoken out on an injustice that the commercial networks would not touch cannot be counted.


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VIC 3150 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Opppsition to ABC privatisation

If there is one thing essential to maintaining democracy it is quality journalism. The suppression of dissenting views leads to the elimination of private initiative and I cannot believe the non-thinkers of conservative politics have proposed privatising the ABC: their more 'liberal' colleagues need to explain to them the prerequisites for commercial success, at least that message might get through.

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NSW 2482 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Leave our ABC independent and leave it alone!

Dear Sir/Madam,
Please leave the ABC as it is, the only independent, non-commercial source of news and current affairs. Four Corners, The 7.30 Report and all the other hard-hitting programs would be axed as not profitable! My favourite station ABCFM Classic FM would not exist as it's not commercial! Please leave the ABC alone. A robust democracy needs a robust critical eye. Does the Liberal Party Council really have such a glass jaw! Leave the ABC as it is- a fine source of music, journalism and independence.

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QLD 4164 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP OUR ABC OFF PRIVATATION

ABC is working well for the Australian public so why privatize? We have enough privatised channels in Australia and we need a partial channel to keep our Government on their toes.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2019



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC public!

I listen to ABC 774 Melbourne every day. It is my link to the world. I dont want ads but i want independent journalism.

[REDACTED]

VIC 3151




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

Commercial television and radio are full of mindless drivel. I can't stand listening to commercial radio anymore. They play the same 10 songs all day, every 2 songs there are 5 - 10 commercials, the announcers just spout rubbish and there is little to no new Australian music on them. I haven't watched commercial TV for nearly 10 years for pretty much the same reasons. ABC TV is much better than the commercial stations because they don't have to pander to share holders or advertisers, the content is more relevant and has more substance. Privatising the ABC would just give us more of the same commercial [REDACTED] that wouldn't keep politicians and big business accountable for all the dodgy stuff they try and pull. Don't do it!

[REDACTED]


QLD 4305 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC Out of Public Hands

As a citizen of a so called democratic country I have a right to unbiased free to air news and information and of all the current TV channels ABC is the most reliable and least unbiased of them all. This will not be the case if privatised. The Government again fails its people and favours Corporate's like Murdoch. Here's an idea, how about all the politicians start pulling in their spending and staying at hotels etc with reasonable rates instead of living it up and wasting the tax payers taxes - which could be used to maybe support the needs of its people and fund the likes of ABC. The current political system is more like a criminal gang - totally lost sight of who they are serving and instead just serving themselves and those to make donations. Do the right thing for a change.

[REDACTED]


QLD 4700 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must remain in public hands

The ABC is an essential part of Australia's democracy. It must not be sold, and it must remain independent. Threats to sell the ABC simply because it publishes information and news and commentary which the current government may not like, are unacceptable.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2095 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

A healthy, well funded, impartial, and most importantly, public ABC is integral to all sides of politics, and our modern society. Privatising the ABC will be detrimental to our whole community, and would have long term negative ramifications to the community.

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VIC 3011




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hsnds

I love the shows on my he ABC...no adds

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NSW 2208 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

To whom it may concern, I urge you to keep the ABC in public hands. I have grown up with the ABC and watched its shows myself as a child and now watch it with my own children as well as valuing the way it delivers news and issues of public importance, it is a source I trust as it is a public broadcaster. I am very concerned about what will happen to the contents and shows should it be taken over as a commercial station and feel that we will lose important Australian regional and national programs as well as Australian dramas which only a public broadcaster can provide. A public broadcaster is essential in any democracy. Again I urge you to keep our ABC in public hands.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NSW 2125



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Did not privatize all or part of the ABC

The ABC plays a critical role as an independent public broadcaster. Privatising the national broadcaster is very different to privatizing other assets as media is very important in shaping public opinion. It is essential that there is a tv broadcaster that is independent from commercial interests. The ABC produces and screens programs that would not be considered commercially viable and commercial TV stations would not be interested in screening/producing them. The ABC has an important role in providing a platform for diverse cultural expression eg from classical music to Aboriginal programs

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NSW 2131




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC Must Stay in Public Hands

It is unthinkable that there would ever be a move to sell our ABC to private ownership!!! We rely on ABC for the best news, current affairs & local content.
We do not need another commercial right wing media source.
Please leave our beloved ABC alone.
Thank you.

[REDACTED]

QLD 4215 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: my abc

As an octogenarian, I trust the abc for its intelligent investigative and unbiased reporting.

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[REDACTED]

NSW 2205



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in the hands of the masses

The ABC is the only network that portrays news and current affairs accurately. The channel is the voice of the people, if we take that away then we have lost the true meaning of democracy.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2782



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Goff inquiry into ur ABC

I am totally opposed to the government hijacking our ABC with the prospect of privatising it.

[REDACTED]

WA 6051



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands


It's important that the ABC remains in public hands. The ABC performs a number of functions that are beneficial for the country in a number of ways.

The ABC operates a great news service that caters to people all over the country, including rural areas. The ABC provides neutral and quality news coverage and has a number of news related programs such as Insiders, 7.30, the Drum and Q&A. The news coverage on the ABC is more reliable and focuses on more important issues than most commercial sources. This news coverage is a good for Australia and its democracy.

The ABC has children's programming. Shows on the ABC for children provide greater educational benefit than the children's shows on commercial TV.

Similar countries to Australia such as Canada and the UK, have public broadcasters. There is a known benefit of having fully funded public broadcasters.

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NSW 2140 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC should remain as our public broadcaster, in public hands

The ABC provides me with unbiased news and information. I rely on the ABC for accurate and relevant news. I listen to ABC radio throughout the day and watch ABC television or i-view at night. I rarely watch commercial television or commercial news as I find it somewhat biased and feel it often pushes a certain agenda.


The ABC is a great source of local news and events, albeit, this role has reduced recently due to budget cuts.

The ABC supports the Australian Arts and artists. It helps develop talent, both in the newsroom and with actors, writers, comedians, all the technical staff involved in production and broadcasting and more.

I am very worried about what would happen if our public broadcaster was privatised. Our country needs an independent media that is not answerable to anyone except the Australian public. We need to be able to rely on the ABC as having no specific agenda in its programming.

An independent broadcaster is a democratic broadcaster.

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VIC 3088 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public (our) hands.

My grand kids love Peppa Pig and all the children's shows on the ABC. There is no guarantee they will continue if the ABC is privatized. From past experiencing privatization means the public are the losers in every way. We need a public station. It's not a bad thing that the ABC has an advantage over commercial stations, in fact I think they should have an advantage! The ABC has been iconic and one of the things that make Australia great. To privatize it is extremely short sighted of politicians!

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SA 5046 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

It's all that is good and honest about our great country!

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VIC 3337 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC out of private interests

ABC has been an appropriate alternative to much of the rubbish pumped out by private media group. It is an invaluable sources of non-fake news, information, education, and debates.

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VIC 3111



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Public ABC

Please don't privatise the ABC. Privatisation means corporate behaviour: profit. This means high population areas will be better serviced than rural areas as we who live in outer areas see with the local stations being privatised. It also means commercials and advertising which we are already heartily sick of.

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NSW 2536 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC as a public broadcaster is in a position to present truly independent news which is a key pillar of our democratic society. It is essential the ABC stays a public body which is not dependent on profit but can prioritise reporting the truth. It can also concentrate on high quality production and Australian content.

All my life I have depended on the ABC. There must be no talk of privatisation of our ABC. It's ours. Hands off!

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VIC 3437 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands.

The ABC are the only network that are directly answerable to the public. As we are seeing at the moment, politicians can challenge the ABC on issues of bias, ensuring that it is accountable and diligent in avoiding bias. The issue of bias is a thorny one, with many believing that there is no such thing as an unbiased media message, but the ABC is constantly on notice to provide balance in its news programs and commentary. Without the ABC, we will not have this level of fearless, quality journalism. Further, we have seen the influence of manipulated social media in American and other political systems, underlining the necessity of maintaining an experienced, balanced news service. The fourth estate is essential to democracy. Apart from news, the ABC also fosters original Australian talent, with many years of successful programs that tell us about our culture and its origins.

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SA 5031 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC a public broadcaster

After the farce of electricity privatisation, with promised gains turned into among the highest prices in the world, the Liberal Party's National Council wants to cap this off by taking the ABC into private hands. It is simply not true that private providers do anything but replace quality programs with pap to deliver audiences to advertisers. The result of privatisation in NZ is possibly the most boring, empty TV programming in the world. I am determined to defend the ABC as a public broadcaster and I intend to do everything I can to make sure that the liberals do not return to government at the next federal election.

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SA 5034



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC: it belongs to us

The ABC is important to me. When I was ill with menderes disease I depended on the ABC to keep me company. I listened to a range of programs and it helped fill in my day while I couldn't get around because of vertigo.


My grandchildren love the ABC children's programs and they learn useful things from them. Most of the children's programs on commercial channels have no or little educational value.

I depend on the ABC for the news. I find it reliable and mostly without bias. I appreciate that there are no ads.

The ABC needs to stay in public hands. The enquiry seems to rely on the ABC and SBS having an advantage over commercial media because they are publicly funded. This seems to miss the point. Publicly funded media plays an important role in ensuring democracy is respected in our society. Commercial media cannot ensure this.

We the public pay our taxes so that the ABC can serve us as a trusted and reliable media source. Please ensure that these public broadcasters remain public.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2050 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Leave ABC alone

Hi

I am writing to complain about the way the ABC is currently being used as a political football.

The ABC invests in Australian talent, provides unbiased, quality journalism and entertainment.

I also provides the space for legitimate debate on current issues. With people from many sides of the political spectrum. This is not found on commercial television stations.

The ABC has no 'advantage' over commercial television. It is continually having to deal with political scrutiny and having its budget cut. Commercial organisations are able to make money - ABC can't.

In my opinion the ABC keeps political parties on all sides honest including the government of the day. They are wanting to silence the ABC to reduce transparency.

Regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

NSW 2017 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Every democratic country needs an INDEPENDENT view of the world.
We do not need any more views bought by advertising.
We need views from everyone.

[REDACTED]

QLD 4870 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatising the ABC!

Any move to privatise the ABC must be resisted by politicians of every political party. The ABC has the only TV programs worth watching and the only comment worth listening to. Any attack on the ABC ought to be spell the end of any so called political party that advocates such action. Such a move would certainly NOT be in the interests of the wider population of our nation.

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QLD 4178




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is not yours to sell!

An independent news carrier is one of the most important things underpinning a democracy. You must not sell this essential piece of Australian democracy. I can see on twitter that everyone is shocked that a government that was voted in by a democratic process could even think about this. Besides, everything that has ever been sold off - I'm thinking our electricity in SA, Telstra etc - have become useless. The ABC is not yours to sell. Hands off!

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SA 5044 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC belongs to the people

The ABC belongs to the people and is a fair and balanced reporting outlet.

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NSW 2535



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Please do not privatise the ABC. The ABC must remain a public entity. It belongs to all Australians and must remain that way to maintain the level of independence where it can protect the interests of Australians without fear of influence from self interest groups who push their own agendas.

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QLD 4020 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands.

I have always listened and watched ABC programs
For over 70 years nothing but nothing can alter my affection for my friends on radio as they welcome me to their morning,afternoon,sevening and through the long nights with such interesting talks, music and so much more than other stations present.
I do fear if I turn of ABC my equipment will have a serious break down.

[REDACTED]

WA 6050 

[REDACTED]


From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC must stay in public hands!

The ABC is a national institution. It must not be sold to media moguls. We can all see how the commercial television stations have dumbed down their content (Love Island or numerous cooking/ building shows.) They are made on the cheap and fill local content quotas. The ABC tries hard with investigative reporting, quality drama showcasing Australians talent and wonderful childrens' shows. It's news reporting is first class. In times of emergency such as floods or bushfires the ABC is at the forefront. In regional Australia the ABC is the lifeblood of the community. Just because a few vocal, right wing politicians want to sell it off is no reason to do so. Not too many issues would tempt me to Man the barricades but this is one. Do not think of privatising the ABC.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED] (grandfather of nine little Aussies who love their childrens' programs on the ABC.)

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VIC 3555 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: A public ABC is essential

I'm disappointed with the poorly disguised inquiry into the ABC, and the trend of cutting funding over time. The clear and unambiguous purpose of this is to put pressure on the ABC over its transparency and balanced critique of policy in the public interest. The Government cannot claim to uphold freedom of speech and undermine open dialogue. Meanwhile, News Corp remains routinely and extremely biased so as to border on propaganda whilst receiving boosts in funding. I want to support our Government but this is unacceptable.

The ABC provides a unique voice for minorities, is a place of deep cultural exchange, and a necessary counterpoint to other mainstream media.

It means poor things for our society if the Coalition continues to attack the free public press. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

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TAS 7053



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: A=Australian B=Bastard C=Coalition

Leave the ABC alone.
It belongs to every Australian !!

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WA 6253



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: More support for OUR ABC

The ABC must remain in public hands. It is absolutely essential for Australia that this most trusted institution remains able to provide factual information without fear or commercial considerations editing the news. I have been a consumer of the ABC's offerings since I first listened to Kindergarten of the Air as a preschooler. I am now eighty, and have been informed, and entertained, over all the years since. I want my grandchildren and great-grandchildren also to have access to this mainstay of Australian life. We are a wealthy country, and can, and must, afford to support the ABC as it deserves.

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TAS 7008



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC

The ABC is the only broadcaster that I trust to be fair and objective. I cannot imagine Australia without this independent voice, free of commercial influence. It must not be privatised, sold to commercial interests, or have its budget slashed to cripple it and bring down to the abysmal level of the commercial stations.

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VIC 3228



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC Privatising

The future generation, (my kids) watch ABC shows as little kids, advert free. If the adds are allowed, many children will grow into a society of obese people as advertisements always encourage unhealthy food & products. Do we want to spend money of health later in their lives, or keep the ABC add free now?

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VIC 3103



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

I am writing this email to express my great distress at the Vote by the Liberal Party conference to privatise the ABC. It is essential for democracy to keep the ownership in public hands.

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NSW 2795




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Public media is Australia’s best friend. It is Parliament's best friend. It reaches the people who, on every level of our society, from ordinary voters to community leaders to corporate CEOs, make the decisions in this country. Informing them well puts the power of factual information prepared by top professionals, with no editorializing or bias of ownership, directly into the hands of the leadership of Australia. All parties win in that environment. The loss will come if public media is starved to the point of having to give control over its powerful transmitters and Internet services to whomever is left — well meaning but inexperienced and often naïve, mission-driven people, with strong political views, for whom material rewards mean little and advocacy is everything.

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QLD 4568 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in Public hands

The ABC is not for anyone to privatise without it either going to an election or a referendum it's simply not the Liberal party's property to sell off it's owned by all Australians for all Australians
Pauline Hanson is such a moron that she thinks she's being hard done by the ABC as with all ultra right wing politicians they always perceive the truth as bias and the Libs are toadying up to her to get her vote on the governments trickle down tax cuts for big business ... pathetic.... don't think we the people don't see thru this scam you'll see just how popular these Ideas are come the next election if you're game... I doubt it. Not to mention the real creep behind the scam Murdoch you only have to look at Fox News to see the damage he has done to the world.

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VIC 3068 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise our ABC

I was deeply shocked when the coalition voted to privatise the ABC. ABC radio and television are the two main sources of fact checked truth for me. I could not live without them. In fact I would March the street waving banners to prevent this from happening. It cannot happen. ABC radio and television must be free to make independent journalism. They must not be controlled by private functions. I would do almost anything to prevent this from happening.

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VIC 3084 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands!!!!

The ABC was the primary outlet by which I heard BOTH sides of the arguments for both the Abuse of Children and Banking Royal Commission. Corporate media outlets generally favoured the status quo.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2037




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC democracy (from demos - the people)

You've heard it, for once, please listen closely... ! There is no credible evidence that a majority of Australians want the ABC to be privatised. Your job is to respect and defend that viewpoint. Simple really... except if you allow internal factional interests to prevail for reasons which are nothing to do with this issue.

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NSW 2089 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't you dare even think of selling OUR ABC!

Don't do it!!! Don't dare touch our ABC...don't dare to even think about selling it off....it's the most insane idea ever!

The ABC is brilliant, amazing range of shows and perspectives, realjournalism...TV and the brilliant radio....I've grown up with the ABC and if this Liberal government sells it off....we will NEVER get it back, sheer vandalism is what it will be! Don't do it! For everyone's sake, for sanity's sake.

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VIC 3185 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

It is highly distressing to hear of moves to privatise the ABC. The ABC is a cornerstone of my and my family's connection to the community. It provides moral and intelligent counterpoint to what is increasingly a commercialised world tainted by vested interest. It creates and embodies diversity that is not found on commercial channels. Particularly in journalism and current affairs. Where would we be without shows like Four Corners and its news services. How nice it is to have alternatives such as Gardening Australia that are not trying to promote some corporate agenda. Don't let the hard right take over this country with their self vested interests. Save the ABC!!!

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VIC 3551 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

Dear Inquiry into the competitive neutrality of the national broadcasters,

Public broadcasting is VITAL to democracy and the overall health of national debate and policy. All commercial broadcasters are vulnerable to pressures from big business advertisers/sponsors, which mean that the broadcaster will not cover many important issues (including corruption in the advertisers/sponsors), and the nation's public affairs become more corrupt. At a time of increasing fake and distorted news, the ABC is the nation's most trusted broadcaster and it's vital to keep it that way! Per head, it receives much less than the BBC, so if anything its public budget should be increased.

Yours very sincerely,

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