From:

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:04 PM Sent: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry To:

Subject: Leave the ABC alone

I am totally horrified to think the ABC could end up a second rate broadcasting channel. We already have plenty of those. It must never be privatised and end up being as badly run as the commercial channels. The ABC is an excellent example of a tv channel owned by the people for the people. There are no comparisons with the rubbish (reality shows, cooking shows, etc, etc) that are always bombarding the commercial channels. If the ABC becomes privatised you can literally say there won't be a tv channel worth watching in Australia. I sincerely hope you do not permit this to happen. Thank you

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

I object to any move to privatise the ABC. It is an organisation set up to inform and entertain all of the population of Australia in many different areas of interest and viewpoints.

Privatisation will not accomplish this as the goal of any business is to make money, which will distort the services to those which maximise profit, at the expense of the wide range of needs of the Australian people.

Keep the ABC well funded by taxpayers and keep interference by government out of it.

WA 6076

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

I cannot adequately describe how important the ABC has been to myself, and how important it is to the Australian media landscape. Commercial television and radio in this country is a deep abyss of shonky journalism and unintelligent debate. No one keeps politicians, liberal or labour, as honest as the ABC. Attacks on the public broadcaster seem like a thinly veiled attempt to counter investigative journalism that might expose Government misbehaviour. Who will keep them honest if not the ABC? Who will broadcast quality Australian television if not the ABC? Without the ABC there will be a dramatic decrease or in great reporting, great journalism, and great programming. I am so very concerned at even the suggestion the ABC be privatised. It costs us so little, and I would personally be happy for more of my tax dollars to go towards funding the ABC. Please leave it alone, and please reinstate the cuts to its funding.



From:

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: Dont privatise ABC!

The ABC is our National Broadcaster and must never be privatised.

The world has enough false news and rhetoric that must be counter balanced by an independent, truthful news organisation.

The Australian production industry also needs a Broadcaster that is willing to take a different route compared to the nonsense TV that is being produced in droves throughout our broadcast community. I would hate for my child to grow up without a trusted, independent national broadcaster. It's hard to imagine how political ambitions can be placed ahead of what truly should be national interest. Sincerely,

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

It is the mark of a healthy democracy that there is a significant public arena that is seen to be Independent from commercial and political influences. The ABC is such a "place" and it would undermine our democracy if that is destroyed. I am deeply concerned about the possible privatisation. Keep the ABC in public hands

VIC 3008

From: Sent:

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:03 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry Keep our ABC publically owned! To: Subject:

Please do not privatise our ABC.

It belongs to our nation. It is an independent media voice that needs to remain.

VIC 3620

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

Both of my children grew up glued to the screen, watching classic and educational programs such as Sesame Street,Bananas in Pajamas and of course, Play School. I would like to think that their children will benefit from such inovative and fun, child focused, commercial free programming.

From:

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: That Australian public needs the ABC more than it needs this government

Firstly free to air Rv is under threat anyway the ABC is for me the voice of Australia the rest rely on rateings at any cost where will I hear the likes of RN radio watch 4Corners the coalition will lose the next election if they posh through with this there are just not enough far right voters I could split the coalition in to two party's

VIC 3207

From: Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:03 PM

To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC will not be privatised

I turn to the ABC for fair, trustworthy and professional reporting when it is very difficult to believe any news these days.

Stop this ridiculous waste of time and money and let our public broadcaster continue to play its important and irreplaceable role in our democracy.

The government should be putting its energy and focus into more important issues.

From:

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: Save our ABC (again)

The reason it's our ABC is exactly that!! How can it possibly be our ABC if it is prioritised. We have also already seen EVERY government make budget cuts after vowing not to. Enough is enough, when will an electored government stand up and protect our beloved ABC.

WA 6036

From:

The ABC has been a pivotal part of my education, about Australian politics, culture and social issues but also about the world. It brings interesting and important discussions about politics and society into our home that we can then debate at the dinner table. It facilitates engagement among family members through passionate discussion, as well as informs us about our wider community. This is the role of a public broadcaster, to educate and integrate the public through informed debate. It would be undemocratic to privatise the ABC.

VIC 3094

From:

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:03 PM

To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

The ABC is a national treasure that should never be privatised. It is a wonderful channel for children, where they can view age appropriate content without the constant push of toys, garbage food and other advertising intruding on their childhood. Additionally, this broadcaster has long been a source of wonderful adult programming, news and lifestyle programs. The ABC is a source of information that is focused on Australians without outside influence determining what we see.

But perhaps most importantly, during times of disaster, the ABC is always there keeping Australians informed and up to date. No other service focuses solely on the safety of Australians without some sort of sensationalism. Losing this resource would be a tragedy, and they paired responsible would never be forgiven by the wider Australian community.



From: Sent:

To:

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:03 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry Keep our ABC in public hands, it must not be ever privitised. Subject:

ABC is one of our most important treasures a way of expression of the people's feelings and political direction of our country.

From:
Sent:
Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:03 PM
To:
Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
keep the abc in public hands

I live in regional Queensland - Gympie. I rely extensively on what I consider to be the impartial reporting provided by the ABC. I don't believe privately owned media provide that level of impartiality and sufficient content relevant to regional communities. Please keep the ABC in public hands. Thanks

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I have been an avid ABC viewer all of my adult life. I am now 71 and would be very upset to see it deteriorate any further.

VIC 3006

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS

It is vital that we have an unbiased news report and fearless investigators who uncover the truth about many issues, that wld. otherwise never be told or found out. Like the BBC in Britain we need a public broadcaster that is unbiased.

Taxpayer are happy to found the ABC - so hands off. Remember there is an election around the corner. The voters won't like it.

Listen to your constituency

Regards

From:

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: ABC must remain public for Australia's future

The public must own a broadcaster. The sham of selling of public assets is detrimental to the long term stability of our nation. Only the ABC provides non-commercial unbiased news reporting. They also produce and champion excellent content of a high intellectual calibre, in contrast to the reality TV show garbage offered by the commercial broadcasters. I and everyone I know, strongly objects to any sale, and any reduction of funding to the ABC. Recent political moves to reduce funding are easily visible as efforts to erode the value of the asset. The ABC should rather be bolstered, to put public money back into content quality content creation. The ABC must remain public property to serve the people as a apolitical source of news and current affairs. This agenda is clearly a self-serving move to erode public access to intelligent and critical news sources.



From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: ABC built our society

It is just silly, don't even think about privatising the national broadcaster. I hear this current idiocy about 'lefty' (sic) bias etc, what I see is anything but bias - all I see is responsible journalism standing up to and questioning the underhanded, bullshit politicking of our (in particular) current IPA/LNP government. The Australian people, especially those who grew up and were educated in the 70s and 80s, owe the ABC pretty much all of our good vibe, our happy Aussie disposition, having enjoyed the best of the world's television dramas, comedies, documentaries etc, and therefore gleaned a very healthy intellectual diet of true and honest information that helped develop our critical, political and humanitarian skills. Take that away at your peril. Cheers, and give my love to Auntie:-)

From:

The ABC is where I go for much of my information because they (& SBS) are the only organisation that tries to present a balanced view of things that are happening in our communities. This is not left leaning, it is actually an open and academic approach to journalism!!

I also really enjoy the programming generally and particularly australian content such as Mystery Road, Refern Now and Cleverman. I am disappointed but unsurprised that our incompetent government is focusing on something that its constituents are opposed to but their cronies would really love.

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject:

Our parents raised us to the background soundtrack of ABC radio. Now, almost 70 years later, the ABC remains the soundtrack in the background of our lives, the lives of our children and our grandchildren. Add to that ABC TV, and we absolutely rely on this as an integral part of our lives.

It must remain in public hands. It is perfect for Aussies just as it is.

Our ABC must NOT be privatised.

SA 5040

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands!

I am emailing to express my deep concern over the inquiry into the ABC as i fear that it will lead to the suggestion that the ABC should be sold. The ABC has always been important to me as an Australian. It is a source of reliable news which is important and provides a platform for a range of views. 4 Corners is an objective and incisive news program that, over the years, has led the way in investigative journalism. My daughter was raised on ABC TV kids programs - the best of which was PlaySchool. The point of the ABC is it provides opportunity for views that wouldn't receive a hearing on commercial stations. It is not governed by ratings or by a particular agenda and so the programming choices can be made on diversity and giving a voice to minorities. There are many excellent programs that have been aired on the ABC eg You can't ask that, and Employable Me and a million other shows, that explore the stories of those who i would otherwise not know about. We travelled to NZ many years ago and i was just so disappointed by the fact that they had no public broadcasting. Any station that is owned by a media group tends to represent the views of that group eg Channel 9 in the days of Kerry Packer. Why would we want that for the ABC. The purpose of the ABC is to provide a diverse range of views, and to represent the public needs. Why would an inquiry into whether the ABC has an advantage by being publicly funded be of use? The purpose of the ABC sits outside that premise. ABC radio is crucial as a public service for many regional places and i simply cannot imagine a world where i can't listen to ABC Sydney radio as it is now. It would be devastating and totally change the way that we as a nation see ourselves. Do not follow this course of action.

From:
Sent:
Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:03 PM
To:
Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject:
Do not privatise our ABC!

To whom it may concern, I am writing to express my distress about the idea of the ABC being privatised. ABC is a public and national treasure. It is my go to resource for news. It is also A great source of Australian content and talent. We already have more than enough commercial media platforms. It is vital that the ABC remains in the hands and control of the public, for the common good. Commercial interests of vested interests. The ABC has been a part of my life always. A part of my family's life and the life of my friends and community. Please cease and deceased any ideas of privatising the ABC and resource this wonderful institution and platform effectively for the future, the future of the whole of Australia. Thank you. Yours sincerely, the Rev'd



From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: privatisation of the ABC

Listening today about the savage job cuts of the once government run Telstra does not give me any confidence that a private owner would preserve the ongoing value of the ABC to Australia.

TAS 7250

From: Sent:

To:

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:02 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry Maybe instead of wasting your time on this pointless inquiry that risks your government Subject:

losing the next election...

...you could watch the ABC and learn something other than the ideological hogwash that is competitive neutrality. 😂

Hope you're looking forward to working for a Labor government soon!

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: Please keep the ABC out of privatisation!

The ABC over the years has been my primary source of news that is at least moderately unbiased and covers all sorts of media without a set agenda. Also, it has been a source of music from all walks of this great country; from indigenous rock bands through to classical opera, the richness of our Australia culture thrives thanks in no part to the ABC and stations like ABC Classic and Triple J.

We need this treasured national resource to remain out of private hands where it could become a tool for spreading a particular partisan viewpoint; our news needs to be free of bias as much as practical! Public broadcasting plays an essential and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't compare with commercial media.

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatize the ABC

Please consider that the ABC is by the people for the people. It should be kept that way. It has worked well all these years. Thank you.

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatize the ABC

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From: Sent:

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:03 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry To:

Subject: Keep ABC as the nation's independent broadcaster

The ABC provides me with news that I know is true. I can rely on what is broadcast to be factual. The ABC gives opportunities for me to hear a wide range of opinions about current affairs. It enhances my life by providing classical music programs. I don't watch or listen to commercial media, so I'd be lost without the ABC . Please don't take it from Australians who want independent media.

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please don't privatise the ABC

The ABC has the best and most original and quality programming in Australia. It's resonated with me while I've lived here and it provides a voice for so many ordinary Australians regardless of their political beliefs. I love the ABC because it's one of the few unbiased sources of media left - it's neither left wing nor right wing, they report the facrs

From:

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:02 PM

To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: ABC is public infrastructure

The ABC should never be privatised for a number of reasons, but I think the primary reason is it keeps our democracy functional by holding the Government to account.

NT 0812

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must not be privatised.

The ABC is essential in Australia - the only public broadcaster amid all the private stations. Because the ABC is not out to make as much money as possible, I feel that we get an opportunity to think of ourselves and make up our own minds about issues, information and are able to learn from the very well researched and presented documentaries. I gain so much from listening and watching well prepared, researched programs - The Health Report, The Law Report, 7.30, The Drum, (where we are exposed to people from the right as well as the left and their views).

I strongly feel that on masse Australians are very unquestioning and are spoon fed whatever the agenda is by commercial stations. Why are you politicians deciding what is best for us - your role is to represent us rather than forcing your own agenda onto us. For Australia and Australians to be dumbed down any further would be a disaster.

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: ABC belongs to all Australians

The ABC belongs to all Australians who pay for it out of taxes. The National broacaster provides in depth analysis of current events, educational radio and tv programs fabulous children's programs to name just a few of the offerings.

Without the ABC Australians will be dependent on commercial providers who are shown to be unable to provide the level of reporting that the ABC provides.

The ABC is not the Liberal Party's to sell.

WA 6162

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC

The ABC is a government funded body. It is the station I turn to to hear intellectual debates such as Q&A and 4 corners. It is not a mouthpiece for government propoganda and is the property of all Australians and should not be privatised due to baseless allegations that it is left leaning.

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Threats to democracy

The far right of the government is threatening democracy by privatising the ABC. It is clear from a recent study that the private media are all leaning to the right or far right and the same report stated that the ABC was appealing to both right and left leaning members of the public. Asale of the ABC will see it being owned by a similar buinesses to the owners of 7, 9 and 10 thus reducing the spread of the market.

VIC 3555

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Passionate ABC supporter

I have always been a viewer and listener of the ABC. From growing up in country NSW through university, living overseas and now as a late middle aged parent the ABC has always been a trusted source of reliable news.

Privatisation of the ABC in any form is something g that would change my vote and the votes of many people in my family.

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject:

Just leave one thing, one goddamn thing, free from the commercial imperative.

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep our ABC in public hands

the ABC is important to me.

I grew up in the country and we had 2 stations... the ABC and a mixture of Channel 7,9 & 10. The ABC content was and is still superior to all commercial corporate TV that I watched as a child. Who would have thought - a kid in more central Australia would watch 'Monkey Magic' a TV SHOW about the Buddhist religion & parables and morals played out by characters speaking in another language with subtitles and overdubs. What a memory and embedding of the idea that there is more out there in the world. Commercial TV seeks to hypnotise and create children who are sexualised, consumerists and unable to THINK for themselves... Free thought and free speech.

The ABC news is responsible journalism and not senstionalised pulp led drivel you see on ALL THE NETWORKS and their morning shows with mysoginistic men who are overopinionated about nothing. My nieces, nephews and younger cousins love Bananas in Pyjamas and Peppa Pig. 4 Corners is the most trusted news source... I could go on...

The Coalition's attacks on our ABC is the typical neo-liberal agenda... squash what doesn't suit their profit driven, self-interest agenda

The very premise of this 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. They are 2 different models... one isn't for profit which is why the Libs and the right want to squash the ABC. The ABC isn't a profit driven machine - it is about quality and democratic information... with no insidious agenda.

Incorporate and commercialise everything in this world and there is nothing left that feels fresh, real and alive.

KEEP ABC funded as a stand alone public broadcaster.

VIC 3070

Regards

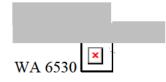
From:

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:02 PM

To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: The ABC is NOT for Sale

The ABC needs to remain impartial and like the BBC in the UK. The ABC is owned by the people for the people and we must keep it that way. It is also a big employer of people in the community and works for the community.



From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

First of all, can someone please tell what is wrong with having a public broadcaster? It is an honourable tradition, in this and many other democratic countries. Why would it be an improvement to turn the ABC into a private company beholden to PRIVATE not PUBLIC interests? I am very happy with the service the ABC provides - TV, radio and internet. I love the ABC and would hate to see it interfered with by a self-serving government. This would certainly be enough to make me vote Labor.

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

The ABC is really important to me because of the high quality journalism that appears on the 7.30 Report and Four Corners. These programmes help me make informed decisions that I could not make otherwise. The public ownership of the ABC is a precious part of our social capital that we cannot afford to lose. Yours sincerely

WA 6060

From:

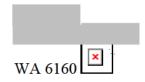
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: our ABC will not be privatised

I line rural and ABC and 24 is the only two channels i watch.Iam urging you into not privatising our ABC.If this goes ahead i for one will not vote for this govt at the next federal elections.

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: ABC proposal to privatise will never get up

The dumbing down of this nation is a global embarrassment. Why our politicians don't want to see us as sophisticated as the European countries which educate their citizens for free is beyond comprehension. The reason we have a Trump as a US president is because the population is largely uneducated. The ABC is the last bastion of anything worth listening to in our country. I am a committed listener to RN and news radio. I despair at the arrogance and stupidity our current government shows. The reason it will never get up as legislation is because there will be a revolution. While our smug prime minister is busy counting his pennies, the world around him burns.



From:

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:02 PM Sent: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry To:

Subject: Hands off the ABC - keep it in public hands

I have travelled and lived in countries where there is no public broadcaster like the ABC. For example in NZ where they privatised their national broadcaster, all there is now is rubbish on all TV channels. Our ABC produces reliable trustworthy local content enjoyed by young and old. Continually cutting its budget has reduced the amount of Australian content and negatively impacts our own film industry and this should be reversed.

My parents love the ABC, my kids love the ABC and my grandson loves it too - they will never watch commercial TV as it is mostly right wing lies and rubbish. Hands off the ABC - its the thinking person's media outlet - leave us with something in this day and age!

From: Sent:

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:02 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry To:

Subject: ABC must remain in the governments hands

We rely on the ABC on a daily basis to keep us abreast of local and international news. And even more importantly, as we live in a bushfire prone area, we need there availability to keep us up-to-date during the fire season.

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject:

The ABC is the only media that he be relied on to be objective and fair. Imagine privatisating the BBC!!!

From: Sent:

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:02 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry keep our ABC in public hands To: Subject:

Aunty is the backstop for accountable story telling in Australia. Unless you want fake news, please please please don't privatise it.

regards,

QLD 4352

From:

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: Enough

Enough is enough. Year after year, budget after budget the ABC slowly gets wittled away.

It's time to be proud of our national broadcaster. In all its forms tv, radio etc.

Rather than cutting and commercializing give the ABC a solid secure base to work. Leave at least one voice in Australia out of the hands of corporate interests and in the hands of the public. There's enough crap on tv as it is.

From:

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must not be privatised

Dear Malcolm,

It is with dismay that I observe that you and your Liberal Party colleagues are even contemplating selling the ABC, and more dismayed that the Liberal party majority voted for the resolution. I am so angry and disappointed with you and the Liberal party for even thinking about commercialising the ABC.

You might not agree what the ABC says about you and the Liberal Party, but I know a great many people do agree with the ABC, and I am one of them. Given your polling problems, maybe you should heed the ABC analysis, rather than attacking them

The ABC sell off proposal is another sign of Liberal arrogance. You do really need to try and understand the people the ABC represents - i.e all Australians, and understand that you need to keep your hands off the ABC.

Regards

Subject: Keep our ABC away from being privatised

There are no guarantees when you sell off our ABC to private companies. We have no say. Keep it how it has always been, for the Australian people not for corporate powers! Thank you

SA 5022

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

The ABC has a difficult enough task in attempting to satisfy the hopes of the many and varied interested parties existing in Australia. Don't just listen to the angry bleatings of a hard core right wing group....listen to the views of ALL Australians.

VIC 3041

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:02 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry Keep the ABC in public control From: Sent: To:

Subject:

The ABC is the only independent and critical source of informal 3

I think the ABC is an incredible tool for the public good as a publicly funded corporation and should never be compared to commercial media. Privatisation of the ABC is a dangerous attack on our democratic right to have access to information and education and even entertainment that isn't designed for profit - financial or corporate.

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:01 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: Keep ABC thriving as a public, independent broadcaster

Politicians must understand that the importance of the ABC lies not for instance in how enjoyable the programs are, nor whether the ratings outstrip commercial channels (though these things are worth considering); the ABC is an essential bulwark against the onslaught of private media wishing to push their own self-interested barrows and subvert democracy.

VIC 3145

From: Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:01 PM

To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry Subject: Keep LNP hands off our ABC

I personally, look forward to receiving an in-biased view of current Australian news items,

I really enjoy the Current Affair Program & the Seven Thirty Teport with Leigh Sales. 4 Corners is also one of my favourites.

If I relied on Channels 7; 9; & 10 to report the truth, I would be a virtual mushroom.

Privatisation of our Broadcasters, SBS & the ABC, would mean that the general public would never hear the truth within media. It is only our publicly owned broadcasting media. We actually own these public propertus, so the Government has no rights what so ever, to sell another of OUR assets.

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:01 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

Please don't privatise the ABC. It is something important for Australians to have available that presents non-biased media. This is the only station I watch and if it was privatised I would be left with nothing else on television.

VIC 3081

From:

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:01 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry Sent: To:

Subject: Do not sell the ABCor SBS to commercial interests.

I only watch or listen to a commercial radio or TV station if there is some significant event or subject that is not being covered by the ABC or SBS. The reports of these two media entities are not biased except that they are usually to the left of the pro-right commercial programs

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:01 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry Keep our ABC in From: Sent: To:

Subject:

The only honest media outlet!

QLD 4878

From: Sent:

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:01 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry To:

Subject:

It's our ABC not yours to sell off

QLD 4870 ×

From: < Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:01 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: Let's remember our ABCs and not sell them to Murdoch

The ABC is Australia's most trustworthy news site, the only one concerned with the public, our rights and our future. It is a rare unbiased source in a world where our media no longer reports what we want to know but what they want us to know. The ABC provides hope, happiness and education. Events like the hottest 100 on triple J are world renowned and only possible through a non biased public broadcaster. Radio National is by far the most interesting program you can listen to on a long drive and so much the better for not being interrupted by someone trying to sell me something I don't need. Privatizing the ABC is the worst thing that could be done, it would ruin for ever one of the best things about Australia. Please don't make the ABC the Murdoch Broadcasting Company.

SA 5050

From:
Sont: Wednesday 20 lune

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:01 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: Hands off OUR ABC!

I am appalled that the Liberal Party would even consider privatising our National Broadcaster! An independent publicly funded broadcaster is essential to our democracy. If Australia loses this, it will be a nail in the coffin of democracy. What happened to the liberal notion of "I may not agree with what you say, but I will defend your right to say it"? This motion is so retrograde. Surveys show the ABC is a trusted news source. It is not the Liberal Party's to sell off.PLEASE RECONSIDER!

From:
Sent:
Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:01 PM
To:
Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject:
The ABC is something unique

The ABC has unique value to our Australian society in so many areas that to loose it would be like cutting a leg off one of the pillars of society. It's value is immeasurable as it can cut across all demographics and range of opinions. I personally would go to Canberra to protest for very few things in life, however to save the ABC I would throw myself in front of the LNP bulldozer that proposes to disembowel this most prized public asset. Truly... hands off!!!

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:01 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must stay in public hands

The ABC is the only reliable source of current affairs and interesting programmes. This covers TV, radio and internet media. I refuse to watch the commercial rubbish which is biased towards commercial interests.

The ABC has served the Australian taxpayer for a long time and needs to continue into the future. My life would be completely changed for the worse if the ABC was commercialised.

Nearly all Institutions/industries that have been privatised have ended up costing the taxpayer more in the long run. It is a falsehood that the private sector can deliver the same services cheaper. What you get is different services that cost you more.

The ABCs budget should be increased so that some of the country services can be reinstated.

Please do not alter the aims of the ABC!!

WA 6152

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:01 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: The ABC must stay in public hands!

The ABC is the only news source I trust. As an example, when there is a crisis event, other news outlets will quote unnamed sources or copy other news reports without verifying them, and these reports later turn out to be untrue. The ABC refrain from reporting information that can't be verified, and stick to the facts.

The ABC is home to so many quality Australian productions from Playschool to Four Corners, and wonderful homewgrown drama. As an Early Childhood teacher, I also appreciate the ABC's commitment to their younger viewers. Playschool is the only Australian educational program for young children without product placement and subversive marketing to children. If the ABC is commercialised, young children will become the innocent victims of even more insidious marketing than they already are.

When I lived in Samoa, I could watch the ABC on international TV and listen to ABC radio, which was a reliable news source that I could relate to.

To me, commericalising the ABC would be further evidence of this government's agenda of lining the pockets of big business. We pay taxes so that our country can be governed, and so that essential services can be provided. Public entities should not have to turn a profit when they exist to serve the people - that's the whole purpose of paying tax - to fund these services!

The very fact that commercialisation of the ABC is being discussed is reason enough for me not to vote for the liberal party, and to discourage my two children (for whom the next federal election will be their first time voting) from doing so.

Our public boradcaster should not be compared to commercial media. They play totally different roles, and what sets the ABC apart is that it's programming and productions are under the influence of advertisers.

Words really don't suffice. I am outraged that our government would even consider privatising the ABC.



From: Sent: Wednesday, 20

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To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please don't privatise the ABC!

I am deeply disappointed and unhappy with the Coalition's budget cuts to the ABC and now attempts to privatise it.

Too many important services have been privatised.

Independent media is an essential part of democracy. If all media outlets are privatised then it is easier for those who own the companies to control the content and push their own agenda. They can also buy favours from government under Australia's political donations laws. In addition, if it was privatised it would end up having more ads which can be very detrimental for things like public health eg junk food advertising. The ABC has some marvellous content. I would be devastated to see it privatised and changed. Please protect the Australia's national broadcaster.



From:

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:01 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: The voting public want the ABC in their hands not private hands

Growing up with the ABC and having my kids watch mostly the ABC programming has me as a staunch opponent of any government seeking to privatise or take a razor gang to the ABC via budget cuts.

Be warned that this is one issue that I'll be very very active on campaigning against the government on, if not the most important issue that I see in recent times.

Don't privatise the ABC, it belongs to the people and isn't to be trashed the same way as Telstra was.

QLD 4055

From:
Sent:
Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:01 PM
To:
Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject:
Our ABC must never be privatised

Our ABC belongs to all Australians and must continue to do so. With the seemingly never-ending descent in the quality of programming of the commercial mainstream TV channels and the utterly worthless garbage they continue to churn out, ABC can at least be counted on to provide a decent standard of programming and is often like a safe haven. I'm a swinging voter - neither hard left or right and I will not vote for any party that leaves the possibility of privatising the ABC open.

VIC 3350 ×

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:01 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry Keep the ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS! From: Sent: To:

Subject:

I Dont trust the politicians. Murdock running the show? No bloody way. Politicians suck up to these morons, who dont care about working and ex working Aussies.

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:01 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

If private enterprise get hold of the ABC the outcome can only lead to our news and current affairs being driven from a big business viewpoint and not in the interests of the rank and file Australian citizen. You only have to read the biased and inflammatory editorials in some of out right wing big business ownership tabloids to know what's in store. If we lose are ABC or have the government funding slashed to where it can no longer operate effectively, then all Australians lose and our democracy is weakened and fashioned to suit the billionaires and their interests.

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:01 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: The ABC is not yours!!

I find it incomprehensible that a political party can be high jacked y a university level political agenda and be so weak and shallow and panda to a sub-section of a sub-section- you are doomed to obscurity for a decade, if not more if that's the young lifeblood coming through.

VIC 3206

From: Sent:

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:00 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry ABC under threat To:

Subject:

Keep the ABC free from private and political interference!!

VIC 3004

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC to stay in public hands

You cannot sell what the taxpayer supports and owns.

History demonstrates the loss experienced by the public when this has been done before.

I will be voting Labor as that party will support not selling and continuing funding for the ABC.

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save our ABC. Keep it in public hands!

I watch and listen to the ABC regularly and appreciated it's down to earth and relevant news stories, the good children's television shows and local music. Please don't get rid of the best thing that we have.

QLD 4061

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in the publics hands!

I dont want Australia to end up with the horrible 'fake news' of fox and the crap of ten, nine and seven. ABC has always put knowledge and truth above ratings and gives Aussies a chance to make better TV than the commercial channels!

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not destroy the ABC!

The ABC is one of the most important public institutions to me as a tax payer. I want my tax to fund the ABC properly and keep it public. In the past few years, I have moved from Brisbane to a regional area and the ABC has become even more important to me. I have relied on ABC local radio as an introduction to the area, while my dedicated listening to Radio National and the ABC Listen App has continued. It is vitally important to me, it's how I get my news and hear about what's happening in the world. I do not find the ABC biased, in fact if anything it's moved much more towards the right in recent years. It is the commercial media that is horribly biased, focussed on soundbites and uninterested in delving into the reasons and causes behind the news. Our media landscape in Australia is already quite depleted - I live in a town where there is only a New Ltd paper published twice a week. It has enormous knock on effects on the community, reinforcing parochialism. I would hate to see less diversity in the media. The ABC is one of the few arenas that truly links Australians from many walks of life. Do not destroy this respected public broadcaster, with a history of intelligence and rigour, for the sake of petty ideological battles. Fund the ABC more!!

From: Sent:

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:00 PM

To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: Leave the ABC alone!

The ABC has and continues to be the most trusted, reliable and impartial broadcaster in the nation.

I will only watch the news & current affairs programs on the ABC because of its honest investigations & reporting. I cannot recall, other than SBS, the last time I watched anything on a commercial channel.

It is clearly evident that the Conservative's, together with their supporters such as Andrew Bolt & Rupert Murdoch, have conducted relentless attacks on the ABC is because of its unbiased and honest reporting.

It is outrageous that there is now a concerted push from the Conservatise to privatise the nation's national public broadcaster.

If they succeed may they reap what they sow at the ballot box.

Leave the ABC alone & stop slashing its funding!

Thank you,

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

I listen to ABC radio to get a balanced not sensationalised view of issues. And I appreciate I can continue to listen to ABC where ever I am city or country. No other organisation offers that. And none of our elected representatives has been give a mandate to mess with 'My ABC' please get back to matters of actual national significance, so the ABC has things to report



From:
Sent:
Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:00 PM
To:
Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject:
Keep our ABC in public hands!

I have been an ABC listener and viewer for several years. The ABC is an icon and has been a significant part of many Australians history for generations. We need a public broadcaster in Australia to provide the kind of services particularly to regional and remote areas that private for profit organisations will never provide.

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Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject:

One of the four corners of democracy is a free and independent media. The ABC is not hampered in pursuing truth or unpopular stories by some owner or shareholders with vested interests.

The ABC (and maybe the SBS) is the only media organisation in the country that can still be relied on to investigate professionally and report impartially to the Australian public. Commercial television is horrendous. Do NOT pursue selling off the ABC in any way, shape or form!

From:
Sent:
Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:00 PM
To:
Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject:
ABC must remain public

To whom it may concern,

It is the right of citizens in a democracy to have an independent, non commercial news source. We rely on the ABC to bring us impartial, informed and well investigated news from Australia and the rest of the world together with Australian programmes and films uninterrupted by mindless advertisements. This is our right and our demand and the Coalition threatens us at their own peril.



From: Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:00 PM

To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: keep ABC public

The ABC is one of our most cherished public assets that has also the mandate to serve regional areas. They are not for profit and accountable to us. The ABC generates arts, new programming and gives us a balance information about the Australian state of affairs. The fact that critisizes governments when necessary making them accountable is healthy for democracy. The fact that the current government is trying to first starve it from funding and trying to sell it so it can silence it is typical of despotic governments like Russia or North Korea. It shows that this current liberal government only likes democracy and freedoms when it suits them and have autocratic tendencies when it gets criticised. ABC belongs to all Australians so buzz off and keep yor greedy hands of our ABC

TAS 7054

From:
Sent:
Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:00 PM
To:
Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject:
Please Don't Privatise the ABC

I am alarmed at the suggestion of privatising the ABC. Commercial television caters to certain tastes and world views, which is fine, but for others it's important to have access to reliable, unbiased news and current affairs, and to the kind of high-quality programming that's possible when a network is run in the public interest.

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public hands please!

We need to have a strong public broadcaster like ABC that is part of the foundation of our nation to help keep a balance of representation of who we are as Australians on our television and radio without the influence of commercial interests. Fair and unbiased journalism that is part of our ABC help keep politicians and people in check. Please keep our ABC in Public hands!

From:

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:00 PM

To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: ABC belongs to the public.

For decades the ABC has been providing insightful and beneficial news and programs to the public. For years upon years they have been source to opening up some of Australia's biggest issues. Their documentaries and reports into things such as poverty and homelessness in Australia has been a real eye opener for me and many others. This kind of broadcasting in one you would only see in a public broadcaster, no private company would considered it worth it to sink in the thousands of dollars required for this reporting and as a result the standards of the ABC would drop considerably. Keeping the ABC in public hands means keeping this high-quality and eye opening broadcasting.

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC In public hands

VIC 3030 ×

From:

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:00 PM

To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

The very premise of the inquiry (to see if the ABC and SBS have an advantage over commercial outlets by virtue of being publicly funded) misses a crucial point. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media. If the ABC is privatised it will become just another neoliberal propaganda outlet!



Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:00 PM Sent: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry To:

Subject: Keep our public broadcaster, the ABC, in public hands

The ABC plays a pivotal role in the lives of many Australians. It has, over the decades, informed and entertained generations of Australians. Crucially, the ABC has consistently shown it is impartial and able to provide relevant Australian content, free from commercial influence.

The suggestion of some Liberal politicians that the ABC could be sold to a "media mogul" is anothema to all thinking Australians.

The ABC must remain in public hands!

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:00 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry Hands off the ABC! Sent: To:

Subject:

Keep ABC in public hands!

I love the ABC because it is the fair channel and no ads!

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:00 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry Sent: To:

Subject: do not privatise ABC

If privatized the ABC will be used to support class war by the rich upon the poor . It will become a mere propaganda instrument of the wealthiest Australians through their political representatives the Liberal and National Party Coalition

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:00 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry Sent:

To:

Subject: KEEP ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS FOR GODS SAKE

IT PROVIDES INTERESTING INSIGHT INTO ALL AUSTRALIA IN A WAY COMMERCIAL CHANNELS DON'T AND I BE VERY AFRAID IT WILL BE JUST COMMERCIAL RUBBISH NOT REPRESENTING ALL AUSTRALIANS.

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:59 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC

The ABC is more than just a puppet for politicians to play with. Having worked in and around their staff, I have seen first hand what it is like to have to put together news stories like the Bourke street incident as details come to hand - they are amazing and not something that should be privatised. Do we want to have a situation like the Optus fiasco on a daily basis, or Murdoch telling us more lies???? I don't. Don't touch the abc. I would rather pay additional funds through a tax, if finance is the issue.

VIC 3101

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:59 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Independent ABC & SBS

Please keep the ABC & SBS independent and free from government interference. A properly funded national broadcaster is a critical part of our nations's infrastructure. It should be like the Reserve Bank protected from any political party's self interests.

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:59 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The thought of our country without the ABC in public hands is unthinkable. I rarely watch much of the commercial channels as their supposed news programs have very poor editorial content and are often not accurate and are usually biased. The ABC has, and always has had the best investigative reporters who tell us the truth about public interest issues.

I am appalled at the Coalition's continued reduction of their funding. It is paramount that we have an independent broadcaster that is not afraid to disagree with the government and other people who have abhorrent ideas about how the country should be run. I cite immigration and refugees as issues that need to be properly reported without the biased ideas of people like Alan Jones and Miss Hansen. It may interest you to know that the ABC's new drama "Mystery Road" beat the Barnaby Joyce interview in the ratings, which tells you that many people don't want to watch rubbish

From:
Sent:
Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:59 PM
To:
Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject:
The ABC must stay in public hands

I listen to the ABC every day and am passionate about the programs it offers. Educational. Insightful. Enjoyable. I can't imagine a life without it, especially as I age. It truly is a lifeline to my quality of life and living.

SA 5063

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:59 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject:

The ABC has shaped modern Australia. It has shaped my own life from childhood to middle age - in television, radio and digital. It brings diversity, thoroughness and joy into the lives of countless normal Australians. We see ourselves reflected in the mirror of the ABC and find ourselves important and and unique as a nation. The ABC has a massively important cultural role for what really is a meagre financial investment.

It may offend political operators of all persuasions to pay for a critical voice at the ABC in the news media - but please - the ABC is more than simply News and Current Affairs.

It is clear that the political right has won the long war for control of politics and the nation, we have become a people of penny pinching obsessiveness regarding our finances. The victory for the neo-liberal is complete.

So please, don't take the last piece of our common good which is not solely a part of the market. Please leave us one last vestige of a civil society.

Please don't take the ABC, just because you can.

"Jolene, Jolene, Jolene Don't take away the ABC my man Jolene, Jolene, Jolene Please don't take it just because you can"



From: Sent:

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:59 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry Dumbing Australia down to Liberal standards. To:

Subject:

Without Our ABC we and our Children will become as dumb as most of those on the hard right.

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:59 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject:

A public broadcaster is the cornerstone of a free press in any democracy, providing a voice and service to society at large and in particular a diversity of opinion. Privatisation will drive profit before service and in particular, impact the services to regional Australia.

From:

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:59 PM

To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: Kepp our ABC in public hands

The children in our families watch the programs on ABC Children's channel. It is not all entertainment, there's PlaySchool and educating thru the sessions. 4 Corners and the daily news are my news sources. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and can never be compared with commercial media.

WA 6147

From:
Sent:
Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:59 PM
To:
Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Keep ABC in public!

Subject:

From: Sent:

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:59 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry Don't privatise the ABC To:

Subject:

We need the ABC for a strong democracy

VIC 3160 ×

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:59 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: ABC must remain public..NoNoNo to commercial agendas

You will be known throughout history as the people who killed democracy in this country. The people of Australia are not fools to be disrespected in this fashion. The ABC is a vital link between the common man and the lofty manipulations of political parties...it aids the public knowing the agendas aren't driven by \$\$\$\$ and politics. Political suicide for anyone touching the publics ABC...it must never be privatised.

Kind regards

WA 6333

From: Sent:

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:59 PM To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: ABC belongs to the Public and should remain in our hands

An independent Broadcasting company is essential for all Australians - it is a life line to those in remote and regional area.

To receive independent reliable news free of commercial slants, bias, lies and interruptions is why I love the ABC.I believe it is this quality that the current Government dislikes - too many warts are being revealed! Hands off our ABC!

TAS 7162

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:59 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry keep our ABC out of privation From: Sent: To:

Subject:

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:59 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: We need more objectivism in our television.

I love the abc for its objective reporting and real Australian story and reports. It must stay in Unprivatised for future generations to to their story.

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:59 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please do not privatise OUR ABC.

I am a life-long recipient of ABC radio and television programs; the soind of the news broadcast music brings back comforting memories of my childhood, when my parents religiously tuned in to ABC radio for news and radio serials.

I watch ABC news every night and detest the commercial, ad-laden sensationalist news reports. The Drum and Insiders are my favourite programs for gaining insights in to our political system. I enjoy listening to experts from left and right persuasions- the best way to obtain inbiased information. If the ABC is privatised we will without a doubt lose these wonderful programs, and it will bedoke just another channel which I will not want to watch. I do not want to see ads, and I do not want the independence of the ABC ruined.

Our entire society will be changed formthe worse if the unthinkable does happen. Some things are not about making a lot of money, but providing a public service to us, the people who own the ABC.

VIC 3199

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:58 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject:

VIC 3073

From:

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:58 PM

To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

The ARC must NEVER be privatised.

Subject: The ABC must NEVER be privatised

The ABC (just like the BBC) has a long tradition of fact-based and independent reporting, professional investigations into matters of public interest and a focus on high quality, Australian-produced content. In an era of 'fake news' the ABC is one of the few trusted sources; largely due to it NOT being a private enterprise.

The benefits to Australia of a publicly owned ABC far exceed the modest government expenditure on the ABC. These benefits would simply not be available if the ABC was just another profit-focussed media organization.

The ABC must never be privatised and should instead get increased funding.

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:58 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: No to privatising the ABC

The ABC is the only news service I trust and listen to both on radio, television and online to inform me about national and international news. It must never be privatised to protect it's integrity. Thank you.

VIC 3004

From: Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:58 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

To:

Subject: ABC Privitization

Dear Liberal Coalition

If you try to privatise the ABC then we will all vote you out. Hands off the ABC and don't be stupid

From:

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:58 PM

To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: No privatisation for our ABC

I cannot for the life of me think of a more important media outlet for INDEPENDENT everything than the ABC. Privatisation would in my opinion be a disaster for ever more.

VIC 3016

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:58 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public Hands!

The ABC is a place where creativity can flourish regardless of commercial interests. We need this space to tell stories of the people, for the people and not because some corporation wants to use the story to sell us something. The ABC is a voice of reason in the sea of commercial banality. Whilst commercial stations talk down and dumb down the nation, the ABC encourages and expects thoughtful and considered conversation about important issues and gives everyone a voice regardless of gender, race or ideology. It has no alterer motive, no hidden agenda, just quality programming and content which enriches our lives. It needs to stay in public hands to keep it outside of commercial interests so we can have a voice and a say in our community.

QLD 4520

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:58 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

It is totally outrageous that the coalition wants to destroy one of Australia's most important national treasures and democratic institutions. How dare you! This is a public good. Belongs to the Public. The ABC plays an essential role in the lives of milions of Australian's. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media. DO NOT DO THIS.

ACT 2604

From:

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:58 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry Sent: To:

Subject: STOP THE ABC sell off! Keep Australia democratic

STOP this madness of trying to sell off the ABC!

Are you trying to transform tthis country into a communist regime where free speech is circumcised and nobody criticizes stupid decisions?

You will answer at the next election which is NOT FARR OFF!

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:58 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject:

do not privatise the abc

QLD 4508

From:
Sent:
Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:58 PM
To:
Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject:
Keep the ABC in public hands

I have been a listener and watcher of the ABC since the 1950's and I feel it remarkable that the ABC always seems to be under politically-motivated attack by the government of the day whether that government be LNP or Labor. I recall some forensic questioning of the governments of McMahon and Whitlam and Hawke and Keating and Rudd and Gillard and likewise on Fraser and Howard and Abbott but never have I seen the sort of attacks in response being mounted now by our present government. My expectation of the ABC's role is that it is to ask the uncomfortable questions of the government of the day. If the current government (and in particular Mr Turnbull, Mr Fifield, and Senator Abetz) feel that the ABC is biased against them then in my opinion it is doing its job on my behalf. Any attempt by any government to shackle the ABC or further reduce its funding will be seen for what it is - an ideological attack on a respected public instrument for base electoral purposes supported by the ABC's enemies in the private sector. The electorate is not made up of fools



Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:58 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry keep abc public From: Sent: To:

Subject:

i dont like Abc privatised

VIC 3810 ×

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:58 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

We need at least one media outlet that isn't spreading the view of the company owners even to the detriment of the government of the day

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:58 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: Don't sell the ABC

The ABC is not yours to sell!!! It is the most trusted source of news in Australia. Most privatization schemes have been disastrous eg energy, telecommunications.

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:58 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject:

The ABC is the most trusted media organisation in Australia. Perceptions of "left wing" bias are generated by a refusal to listen to reason and alternative points of view.

TAS 7250

From: < Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:58 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: Keep the ABCS public

I like the ABC in its current format and under public ownership. It doesn't need to change. I am happy for a proportion of my taxes (now paid at least 3 lifetimes over) to see the ABC remain in public hands. I don't want another public asset sold off because it doesn't meet the government of the day's objectives, accept those of increasing their coffers. I don't want yet more propaganda from rich media magnates pushing their own and their sponsored government agendas, because that's the ultimate end to privatisation.

From:

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: ABC

As a viewer of and listener to the people's NON commercial radio, I was disgusted to read that there is talk of privatising it.

Public broadcasting is something that is honest and not for sale.

The coalition has been attempting to undermine our ABC by reducing funding consistently and this is unacceptable. It should be supported by our democratically voted government as it is by the people it is supposed to SERVE.

Thank you



From:
Sent:
Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:57 PM
To:
Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject:
Keep our abc in public hands

We have completed focus groups with senior high school girls about their attitudes to politicians, and found that the only news media they trust is the ABC.

From:

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:57 PM

To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

Privatising the ABC! Are you crazy? We need to to protect the icons that make this country the wonderful place that it is. The cost to the government is of much less importance than the positive things that the ABC contributes to us individually and as a country - not to mention the freedom of an ethical press. We should be raising its budget instead of chipping away at it let alone selling it. If you ever seriously entertain selling the ABC you will hear more from me and from many, many others, without a doubt.

From: Sent:

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:57 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry Keep the ABC PUBLIC To:

Subject:

This is not a political plaything of the LNP it belongs to the PEOPLE!

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: Save the ABC

Programs like 4 corners are essential for our democtracy to function properly. This show has run investigations that have resulted in inquiries that have rooted out corruption and falsehoods. No commercial network does this. I believe that the money spent on running the ABC is money well spent.

VIC 3058

From: < Sent: Wednesday, 20 June

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

One of the great things about Australia is that underneath all the ups and downs of our country and its culture, there is one, stable and unchanging, forthright and fearless body to report what is happening. It makes Australia unique and undoubtedly underpins the 'fair-go' and tolerant multi-cultural society that we enjoy. I cannot imagine how tolerant we would be, or how we could justify calling ourselves the country of the 'fair-go', if shock-jocks were the litmus test of ourselves. I can see the shock-jocks moving in where now we insist on fairness. There is no more balance in the Murdoch press which occupies a hard-right agenda. The motives to privatise the ABC are self-serving of conservative politicians wanting to eliminate any scrutiny of their move to assume the permanent right to govern this country. I will campaign mercilessly against any government that tries to privatise the ABC.

Yours in Fairness

WA 6159

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: Protect the ABC

It is a veneered institution that the nation is proud of. It can never become part of any turf wars for it were then the very neutrality of all its institutions is endangered. As therefore is Democracy itself.

WA 6025

From: Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:57 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry ABC in public hands To:

Subject:

Keep the ABC our of the psycho's hands.



From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject:

A public ABC is central to a healthy Australian democracy. Privatisation is an nothing more than a blatant attack on said democracy. Stop privatisating the people's assests! They don't belong to your corporate mates

VIC 3058

From: Sent:

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:57 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry To:

Subject: ABC in public hands

Never in my wildest dreams could I have emailed a bunch of extremists getting the chance to destroy the people's broadcasting service. Keep your sticky fingers off our ABC

From:

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public ownership

To Whom It May Concern:

The ABC news, special reports, and excellent drama, comedy, and current affairs programming is beyond compare. Commercial TV is not nearly as good because, as we all know, the piper calls the tune. The ABC is free to be more objective and to go deeper into stories that make a difference to me and everyone I know. News shows like 4 Corners are stories you can trust to give a fully nuanced report, with all sides shown for what they are, at least as much as is possible while the story is current. The Coalition's funding cuts are disastrous enough, but to privatise this proud emblem of Australia's unique nature -- we are willing to take good long look at ourselves -- and the Coalition's privatisation policy will severely compromise that. The money will call the shots, not the truth. The government funded ABC, and likewise SBS, is a hallmark of Australian democracy and must not be compromised.



From:

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: Keep the Public Broadcaster - the ABC - in public hands.

It is vital in my opinion that we maintain the integrity of the ABC without the influence that would come from private ownership.

NSW 2320 ×

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Opposition to privatisation of ABC

I oppose the privatisation of the ABC on the grounds that a free press untrammeled by profit motives is a core underpinning of democracy. The constant cutting of the ABC's funding had already weakened its ability to report the full picture to be representative of the full picture. Omission of information and news is just as bad as profit driven bias and influence that advertisers bring to bear on commercial media. This is a deal breaker and I will influence as many friends, family, colleagues and business contacts as I can to withdraw votes for parties that support privatisation of the ABC.

WA 6158

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

My ABC is my preferred TV and radio station and I rely on it being just the way it is, So Do Not Attempt to destroy an Australian TV service just because your a Liberal.

SA 5169

From: Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:57 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry Hands off the ABC

To:

Subject:

This is an outrage!

THE PEOPLE WANT FREE SPEECH.

Who do you people represent?

From: < Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:57 PM

To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: Keep our ABC out of corporate or private hands

Please do not devfund or sell off our only avenue to decent journalism that is independent of commercial and industrial influences. We need a voice and we need to keep our heritage and we need to be confident that Australia will retain its heritage of which the ABC both tv and radio are a significant and major mainstay to what we Australians relate to. If we keep selling every part of what makes up our beloved Australia we will have no identity, no history, no roots, wevwill be the big island continent adrift and lost. Please do not Privatise our heritage not sell it from under us not destroy it with constant defunding so it's nobbled and can't function. Yours sincerely

TAS 7250

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:56 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep the ABC in public hands

How dare you to even think about privatising the ABC and leave us with channel nine and seven .

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:56 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

I'm writing to voice my dismay at the potential privatisation of the ABC. The ABC is for the people, it needs to remain that way. Many generations of Australians have grown up with the joys of the ABC, especially kids, why take something that is so iconic and so Australian from the public and potentially have the whole format changed and altered to become like all the other channels. The ABC is the one remaining independent, ad free public institution on television. Please do not take our public ABC away from future generations.

From:

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:56 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: God Save the ABC

Please, do not sell off our beloved ABC. I am a young medical student and its children's programs like BTN, Play School, Bananas in Pyjamas, and more serious ones like Four Corners, defined my upbringing. They were valuable sources of both information and entertainment that I looked forward to watching, as I knew I could trust the content, and that I would be free of commercial interruptions. This broadcaster has been facing relentless cuts and if there is anything that should be done, it is to reverse the cuts, not privatise it. I will be disgusted at the Liberal Party if the privatisation occurs, and will never, ever vote for you again on principle.

Yours sincerely,

From:

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:56 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do NOT Try to Privatise the ABC

This is not your choice to make.

You are elected to represent people NOT corporate interests and donors.

80% of Australians trust the ABC.

That is because it is untainted by vested interests and produces our only source of mainstream independent news and current affairs, not to mention the investigative journalism which has sparked numerous Royal Commissions.

This isnt a request; you are required to retain our ABC in public hands, owned by all Australians, as the vast majority of your constituents wish.

VIC 3690 ×

From:
Sent:
Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:56 PM
To:
Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject:
Keep our ABC in public hands

I have been a supporter of ABC radio and Tv for many years. Its the main source of my news and current affairs. i do NOT believe it is biased in any way. I will never vote Liberal if the government privatises the ABC. Please do not privatise the ABC

From:

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:56 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry Sent: To:

Subject: Do not sell the ABC

I am Australian and so is the ABC. Do not sell our broadcaster. If there was ever a reason to start a revolution I think this is it. Do not sell the ABC

QLD 4680

From:
Sent:
Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:56 PM
Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject:
Keep ABC in public hands

The ABC is the closest thing we have to unbiased commentary we have in this country. It must be retained at all cost.

VIC 3350 × 1

I'm 88yrs old chairbound from a stroke but brain still working well. The ABC give me knowledge of our country with Landline. Excellent drama plus employment for our actors ie Mystery Road. Excellent news coverage and we only spend one billion and a bit on the ABC but yet we can give billions in tax btraks. Leave my ABCalone

QLD 4178

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:56 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry Keep the ABC PUBLIC GODDAM IT Sent: To: Subject:

Don't privatise the ABC.

An amazing and iconic public resource and great institution.

It's ours and should be forever more.

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:56 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry Sent: To:

Subject: Keep our ABC,

We urge the Hart Right of the Government to keep their Hands of our ABC! Australia is still a Democracy and we don't want to go like the USA!

Thank you

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:55 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry Keep our ABC in PUBLIC hands! From: Sent: To:

Subject:

Don't you dare take away our only independent media outlet. There will be riots in the streets you money hungry fascists

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:56 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

The ABC is the best channel on TV. We watch it every day and depend on the ABC for informative , unbiased and in depth discussion about topical events. No other TV station delivers the quality and substantive programming that we depend on . If the ANC is privatised I will lose total faith in this government who must match Labor party commitment to restore funding so that Australians can continue Tonie to watch the only quality political and current events programs currently available on television. Thank you



From:
Sent:
Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:55 PM
Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: ABC

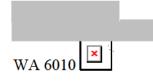
It is imperative that we have an ABC that is independent and allowed to operate without external influence to meet industry gold standard. It is the only way that we can ensure that private enterprise will continue to grow and challenge themselves and provide services for consumers. Think we'd have ondemand TV from the major three if ABC and SBS didn't lead the way? And what the big three call reporting - it's a joke and will only get worse if there is no competition at all. Think the big three will invest in new talent and push the boundaries without the ABC and SBS challenging them? This is to name a few areas that these services help the public.



From:
Sent:
Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:55 PM
To:
Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject:
Keep our ABC in public hands!!

It is our most trusted news source! Imagine Britain selling off the BBC. It is an essential part of our identity and binds us all together not splits us apart. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

America is so much poorer for not having a national broadcaster! In this era of fake news, the ABC is all the more important!!



From:
Sent:
Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:55 PM
To:
Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject:
Keep your hands off the ABC

I really hope privatisation never ever happens. When has the private sector ran anything "better" you only have to look how expensive electricity is to know it doesn't really work. Australia without the ABC would be a poorer country as the ABC has never been about profit. It belongs to the people. Hands off

From:
Sent:
Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:55 PM
To:
Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject:
Keep our ABC in Public hands!

Please protect the ABC. As a public broadcaster it is the only source of national and international news and debate trusted in Australia. It is also a fabulous source of Australia funded entertainment and culture. It must not be privatised!

SA 5051

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:55 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands!

The ABC has the only news service I trust, for two reasons:

- 1. I know there are no commercial interests at play in their agenda.
- 2. I know that the far Right think the ABC is biased to the Left, and the far Left think it is biased to the Right. That tells me the ABC is exactly where it ought to be: in the moderate centre, where the majority of Australia can be found.



From: Sent:

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:55 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

To:

Subject:

Don't Privatise ABC

The ABC, like the BBC is a great source of unbiased reporting. Any time an entity become 'privatised', personal interests (usually money) get involved, and information is skewed. Please don't give Australia another Fox News.

Thank you for your consideration.

Fremantle, WA

WA 6158

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:55 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: Keep the ABC publicly owned

The continued existence of a non-privatised ABC broadcasting service is vital to allow unbiased access to true democratic debate in Australia.

Do not allow this precious freedom to be jeopardised.

Thank you for your time.

From:
Sent:
Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:55 PM
To:
Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
keep ABC out of corporate hands

We must not privatise the ABC! It is Australia's most trusted source of news. Privatising would put into question the unbiased nature of our news. Not to mention having insulting advertisements inundate our living rooms and airwaves.

SA 5000

From: Sent:

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:54 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry our ABC To:

Subject:

keep your dirty hands off our ABC

From:

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:54 PM

To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands.

The ABC must not ever be privatised as it is the only media outlet that is free of political bias. We have seen in other countries what happens when the private media becomes too influential. Democracy becomes very fragile and extreme views gain credence. We must not let this happen in Australia.

TAS 7254

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:54 PM Sent: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry To:

Subject: Please keep our ABC out of the commercial rat-race

The ABC is the only media coverage which currently offers unbiased and unfettered comment on social issues, together with TV and radio content that is both informative and entertaining. There are those of us who have despaired of the garbage being served up by the commercial electronic media, and I, for one, do not listen to or watch commercial media for that reason. I repeat - it is mostly garbage quality. There may be a few "entertaining" shows, but generally completely mindless rubbish which it seems is only condoned by the government regulators because of the exorbitant license fees which flow to government from the commercial stations. Please keep the ABC safe from commercialism so that we may enjoy some sensible content in the electronic media.



Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:54 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry Sent: To:

Subject: Stop this madness

We need a first class public broadcaster, stop taking more money away from the ABC, and keep the stupid idea of privatising it where it belongs - in the dustbin.

SA 5073

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:54 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: Keep ABC in public hands and properly funded

My husband and I are pensioners and watch the ABC extensively.

It is very important to us that the ABC is kept in public hands and has proper funding.

Since the Liberal government came into power we have gradually seen the savage cuts made to the ABC cut into our viewing enjoyment. There are now so many repeats we now resort to hiring DVD's from the library.

The removal of Lateline was a great loss. There were so many cutting edge interviews on that programme. Emma Alberici did a first class job.

It is one of the few sources of impartial reporting and in depth interviews. We trust what we watch on the ABC.

Privatising the ABC will be doing democracy a huge disservice.

Goulburn NSW

From: <

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:54 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: Keep ABC Public

It is NOT yours to privatize.

My immediate and extended family watch and listen to the ABC our whole lives.

It is informative and is the only television that doesn't h

Seriously disgusted this is your next move to dumb down our country. You are literally ruining everything good about my country.

VIC 3212

From:
Sent:
Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:54 PM
To:
Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject:
Keep our ABC in public hands.

The federal government has no mandate for the privatisation of the ABC. A public broadcaster is essential for democracy, and for guaranteed localised content.

QLD 4305

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:54 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Independence of the ABC

Hello --

I feel strongly that the ABC must not be privatised. Australia's commercial media is too beholden to vested corporate interests to provide fair and balanced independent news and investigation. The ABC has always had a well-deserved reputation for the highest possible standards of investigative reporting. Only those who are afraid of it would wish to see it in corporate hands where such investigative reporting could far more easily be quashed.

The ABC is a vital part of Australia's culture. That vitality stems from its public nature. It exists not to make money, but to reflect and document the best of Australia and its people. Privatising the ABC would destroy that remit entirely. It must not be allowed to happen.



From:
Sent:
Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:54 PM
To:
Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject:
Keep the ABC & fund it

For some time (since 2013) I have had the sinking feeling that Australia is sinking into a mire of bad government due to greed & mismanagement. The only bright light on a daily basis has been the poorly funded but determined reporting of the ABC. WE lose it at our peril.

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:54 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: Hands off the ABC

Seriously? The ABC is for everybody. It's not yours to sell. It belongs to the Australian people, and we want to keep it that way. Privatisation of public assets is always a bad idea, but you're planning to sell off Play School and Bananas in Pyjamas? Parents will tell stories to their kids of "there used to be a political party called the Liberals, but due to their own extreme stupidity, they don't exist anymore".



Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:54 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Leave our ABC ALONE

My husband and myself listen to and watch the ABC many times during each day. We appreciate the true and unbiased reporting of their journalists, their true stories, accounts of people, and of course the programmes that run without advertisements. We always breathe a sigh of relief when we return to the ABC from watching a commercial programme (we try not to) because of the unsavoury ads and also the unsavoury characters the pervade the airways of commercial station.

We always know we get the truth from the ABC.

We cannot lose it and have only commercial station to watch and listen to. My husband and I are willing to protest personally against any actions against the ABC.

Leave it ALONE!



From: < Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:54 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: Keep ou ABC in public hands

Its the only channel that I watch and along with SBS. And it has no ulterior motive, like the commercial channels whose only concern is there profit margin.

The ABC & SBS better reflects the divesity of this country and it's proud multicultural society. A

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:54 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save our ABC in public hands

Save our ABC in public hands

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:54 PM

To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands - it is not for sale!

Time and time again I watch an episode of Australian Story or 4 Corners, or Foreign Correspondent and I say to my husband, where would be without the ABC. The same with Radio National. The depth of inquiry, the range of social issues investigated and challenged is unprecedented and in my opinion and essential element of a vibrant democracy.

The continued attacks on the ABC are unwarranted, driven by people with a lack of understanding of the role free journalism plays in a diverse, vibrant society, one in which views are challenged, one in which all people have a voice and where stories from the other, rather than just the dominant paradigm are supported. Democracy is not for privatisation and the ABC is not for sale.



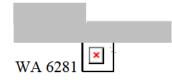
From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:53 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC is an Australian treasure. If you move it into private hands, you will NEVER be forgiven. DON'T DO IT.

VIC 3193

From:
Sent:
Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:53 PM
To:
Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject:
Keep our ABC in public hands!

Having grown up with the ABC and for much of my older family it has been the only channel they watch. Having a TV channel with no paid advertising and commercial influence is extremely important to a healthy community. Governments need to remember they work for the people and ABC is the peoples broadcaster. Stop thinking you are better than the people who employ you. It just shows how scared you are of the truth being exposed.



From:
Sent:
Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:53 PM
To:
Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject:
ABC - Free from commercialism

It is in the public interest to keep the ABC free from commercial interests.



From: Sent:

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:53 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry Keep our ABC

To:

Subject:

I will never vote for a government that sells the ABC!

VIC 3926

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:53 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC should remain public

The ABC is a crucial part of my life - and has been for decades. It is a source of news and entertainment.

The ABC (and SBS) should not be privatised. Nor should it be subjected to the ongoing attacks. Public broadcasting has a critical and unique role to play in any democracy.

Government's of all hues should seek to defend public broadcasting, recognising the role it plays in the checks and balances so crucial to maintaining a lively, functioning democracy.

From: Sent:

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:53 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry To:

Subject: We want our abc

Please do not privatise OUR ABC. If you do it will not be the ABC it will be just another number

SA 5204

From: Sent:

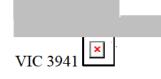
Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:53 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

To:

Subject: Keep our abc

Our Abc should stay in public hands, to have the media predominantly owned by a single person is as good as fascism.

Do you need the billion dollars for more bombs to drop on populated cities in the Middle East?



From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:53 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please don't privatise the ABC

As a huge consumer of ABC content both in radio, tv and podcasts I'm very concerned to hear that the government is considering privatising it. I'm very happy with it be commercial free, offering fair and balanced news and documentaries.

If the government makes this decision even by stealth I believe they will lose their power in the next election.

Yours sincerely

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:53 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject:

Please DO NOT privatise the ABC! This Would be a national shame and something that future governments will regret

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:53 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

This is our ABC, it is not yours to sell.

The ABC produces quality programs just like the BBC in the UK.

I grew up watching the ABC and so did to rest of my family.

The ABC is the only news channel that I trust.

Leave the ABC alone and restore funding.

Regards one angry family.

QLD 4121

From: Sent:

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:53 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

To: Subject:

Save ABC

TAS 7150 ×

From: Sent:

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:52 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry To: Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

I have grown up watching the ABC and to this day it provides the only interesting and useful material.

ACT 2611

From:
Sent:
Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:52 PM
To:
Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject:
Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC is relied upon by many Australians for excellent news and entertainment programmes. It is a valued part of our lives and is, as we are often assured, "Our ABC". It is completely unacceptable to privatise this treasured public asset. No privately run service can deliver what the ABC does.

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:52 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do Not Privatise the ABC

Commercials and advertising whilst my kids are watching Play School?

Shows which would not otherwise be commercially viable but have important content - sacrificed for more reality TV!? No thanks.

It is the only channel where we can see serious content, that - despite some curious opposition - are largely apolitical.

The ABC is an institution - don't tear it down.

From:

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:52 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: Keep the ABC out of corporate hands!!!

The ABC is the only media service that isn't corrupted by greed and can hold other news, media and government to account for their actions.

The liberal government may currently be held to account, but, when the labor party are in control again, the ABC will be holding them to account.

This is a benefit to all Australians of all political sides.

Please keep the ABC as a publicly funded media corporation!

From: Sent:

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:51 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry To:

Subject: Shat a nonsense, d estroying the ABC

The ABC is at the heart of Australia's culture. Very few other countries have such a gem. If the ABCis destroyed so will be a large part of our culture and social structure.

From:
Sent:
Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:51 PM
To:
Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject:
The ABC should never be privitised

It should be a symbol of the people not a minority

VIC 3124

From:

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:51 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry Sent:

To:

Subject: Public abc

All my life I've listened to and watched the abc Mainly because it's add free and not biased commercially Please keep it that way

From: < Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:51 PM

To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: The ABC belongs to the Australian people, not Rupert Murdoch.

The ABC is the most trusted source of news and current affairs this country has, as well as providing quality entertainment that is independent of influence from private commercial interests. It is fundamental to democracy and cuts to funding, or even worse, privatisation, is a step towards the total domination of the media by people whose motives are influencing viewers for financial gain.

This regressive step would be a disgraceful move and should be condemned in the strongest way.

WA 6233

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatisation of the ABC

We need an independent media body presenting balanced views on all areas that impact Australia. Privatiding the ABC puts all this at risk. As a tax payer I am happy to support the ABC.

From: < Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: You have sold every damn thing else. KEEP YOUR BLOODY HANDS OFF MY ABC!

You have sold every damn thing else. KEEP YOUR BLOODY HANDS OFF MY ABC! Or by god I will become an independent voter. At least they do what we ask.

From:

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:51 PM

To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

It is important to have a government owned news source for the purposes of national security.

I will cast my vote in the upcoming elections in line with retaining the ABC in public hands.

The media must be free to question the government, as is right in a democracy.

QLD 4870

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:50 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Abc in public hands!!!

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

SA 5022

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:50 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is our public jewel

I rely on the ABC to provide ad-free, quality content to my children and to my wife and myself. It shocks us to the heart to imagine that it could be privatised, as it's obvious that this would mean ads and changes to the quality and independence of the content. The ABC isn't left wing or right wing: It's just wonderful.

From:

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:50 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: ABC

Is this Iraq or Syria where free speech and public debate is outlawed? Surely we should be looking at Europe where an informed population can contribute to the well being and intelligence of a country? Where else should we look for inspiration to realise the supposed intelligent country. I cannot vote for a party which seeks to stifle a national treasure.

From:

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:50 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC belongs to us not you

If you heard the members at my bowling club you might be horrified to hear the attitude by the almost universal rejection to privatisation of our ABC.

The anger covers wide political allegiances.

You have been warned.

VIC 3219

From: Sent:

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:50 PM

To: Subject: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry Keep our ABC in Public Hands!

Hello,

I am a constituent writing in regards to the Liberal Parties idea of privatizing the ABC.

Suffice to say I think this is a terrible idea, it grants corporations and their political allies over broadcasting that is meant to be independent.

What's more, the ABC is incredible important, regionally and in regards to children's education, these quality services will not be maintained if a profit driven corporation takes over.

Please vote against this idea, and against any other bills introduced in a bid to follow the US's blatant decline as a nation.

Regards,

WA 6169

From:

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:50 PM

To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

Its the channel I watched as a child growing up in the country. The channel that shows quality programmes. It cannot be privatised. It cannot be sold!! It must stay independent.

SA 5090

From:
Sent:
Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:50 PM
To:
Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject:
ABC privitisation...please don't!

I have worked and lived in several countries and during these times I have never come across a media organization that parallels our ABC. It is an asset to our country and way of life that should not be demolished with privitisation. It simply must remain in public ownership for the sanity of our great nation. And I do not mind if I am callled upon to pay more for its existence.



From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:50 PM

To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: Why you should keep the ABC independent

Australia is lucky to have a public broadcaster like the ABC. It has been responsible for the best television in all areas especially children's content and current affairs journalism. The blatant move by the liberal party to privatise this established, objective broadcaster is incredibly transparent. The ABC is not left leaning nor is it partial to Labor it has a strong charter which it adheres to and its reporting is not partial to one side of politics pr another which is what news should be! Everything in our world is being privatised and private interests playing role in what we are told. We need to preserve some objective third party media content in Australia before it is too late!

From:

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:50 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: advantage of abc

yes the abc has an advantage - it does not have to kowtow to the wishes of its owners so it can actually be critical

commercial broadcasters rarely dare to

this "advantage" is not "undue", it is the best reason to keep the abc public so do



From: < Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:49 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our Abc safe

I am worried about the Coalition's attacks on our ABC and this is detrimental to our society.

From:
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Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:49 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: Please keep the Australian Broadcasting Corporation in public hands

The Australian Broadcasting Corporation is publicly funded to ensure that Australian productions, drama, comedy, documentary, arts and culture, and current affairs programs are produced and funded and broadcast locally. Without the ABC our arts, documentary and TV journalism would be drastically reduced and damaged. We need to keep our local talent in the TV industry and production, we need to fund it, share it and have a local, publically funded yet independent station to reflect our democratic principles and ideas that may not be commercial and big money, but are important to Australians, including those across the country - both in the bush, regions and in the cities.

From: Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:49 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry Keep ABC in public hands. To:

Subject:

It is not yours to sell. It belongs to all of us.

ACT 2606

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:49 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry Keep or ABC in public hands From: Sent: To:

Subject:

We need an unbiased broadcaster

From:

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:49 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry Sent:

To:

Subject: ABC must remain public.

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I love my morning news read by Virginia and Michael, my daughter and I love watching re-runs of Deadly 60 and the Penguins of Madagascar, ad-free. The ABC must remain in the hands of the Australian public... interfere at your peril.

From:

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:49 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: ABC privatisation an attack on democracy and free speech

A free media means a media that is not captured by commercial interests. Instead of looking into whether the ABC or SBS has an advantage over commercial outlets, start looking at whether the commercial outlets have an advantage in pushing the agendas fo corporate interests.

From:
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To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject:

because it is for the public and nothing else so that why i am happy for it to stay as it is for all time

WA 6056

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:48 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The NSW Young Liberal president's zealous sermon ("The ABC is an indulgence we can no longer afford" 19th June) demonstrates the problem of knowing the price of everything and the value of nothing. People who support the ABC remaining in public hands are not nostalgic or "blindly sentimental" ("ABC sale vote backed by top Liberals". On the contrary, we've our eyes wide open about the value of an institution that can, and does, hold governments of all persuasions to account. Here is a broadcaster that helps us laugh and cry, juggles stock prices and emergency updates and, while moving into the digital age, makes us think about our society, our history and our future. Don't expect to see that anytime soon on a commercial channel. The Liberal Party Council has provided a text book example of how to unite the city and the bush against them.

From: Sent:

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:48 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry Hands off our ABC To:

Subject:

Don't privatise the ABC - it is a valuable asset to our democracy

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:48 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

The ABC is part of a robust, healthy democracy. They have programs on the radio and TV that no commercial station would have- quality drama, news and current affairs with wonderful stories from around the globe and country. Hands off our Aunty!

SA 5047

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:48 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands!

Public interest is best served by at least one media outlet that is not held completely in sway by economic interest. Keep the ABC public!

From:

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:48 PM

To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: OUR ABC, not the government's

So I grew up watching the ABC, because I spent 10 years of my childhood in Alice Springs, and for 9 years of that, the ABC was the only broadcast channel to Alice Springs, and I cannot tell you how much I love the ABC.

The ABC has always gelled with my sense of humour, it has always given me news and current affairs that I needed to see, it has given me drama, thrillers, and other content that is difficult to classify. It has entertained me, my sisters, my sister's children, my parents, my friends, my colleagues and even my enemies.

The ABC is irreplaceable and I am beyond disgusted that Tony Abbot's promise for there to be no cuts to the ABC was broken, and that multiple cuts have happened to such a key part of Australia.

The ABC belongs to all Australians. It's OURS. It does not belong to the Government, and it should not be privatised because there is NO right for the Government to privatise something that does not belong to them.

VIC 3060

From:

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:48 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep OUR ABC in Public hands.

It is imperative the ABC be kept in Public hands. This is absolutely essential to a functioning democracy. The ABC should never be politicised or sold.

If anything, the funding that has been slashed from the ABC by both Abbott and Turdbull Governments needs to be fully restored.

Yours,

VIC 3015

From: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:48 PM Competitive Neutrality Inquiry How dare you! It's OUR ABC, not YOURS! Sent: To:

Subject:

The ABC is a cherished part of our world, so please keep your grubby corporate hands off it. We depend on it for a balanced view of the world and will scream like banshees if you come near it with your razor.

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:47 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: Keep our ABC as it is

I have grown up with the ABC. I cannot begin to imagine what would happen to Australian entertainment, news and learning if it was placed in private hands. I live on it! The ABC is OURS. Something that "ain't broke" doesn't need "fixing". It is a wonderful Australian institution and I love it.

WA 6910

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:47 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject:

Please do not privatise OUR ABC!!!
A healthy democracy needs independent media/ journalism.

WA 6010

From:

Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 7:46 PM

To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

This and SBS are the only channels I watch. The only channels that keep me engaged about what is happening in the world. The only channel that makes me smarter instead of dumber. They are innovators. Not robotic like every other network. Do not sell them or or cut their budgets further.

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