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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:37 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The independence of the ABC is crucial to the future intellect of our nation. Over its history this institution has provided Australia with a reliable and balanced news and current affairs coverage which the country can be proud of. It has also provided coverage and services to rural Australia that would unlikely be matched by commercial interests. The ABC network provides the country with an invaluable resource in times of local and national emergencies and can only be an asset to the whole of the population in helping to educate and inform us all. It appears that the forces that wish to weaken or rid the country of this great institution are the extremes of politics and or commercial interests and that in itself should be reason enough to support and strengthen the ABC. There has been numerous enquiries into the perceived political bias of the ABC which have not shown any serious evidence exists. The fabric of Australian society will only be weakened by any lessening of the independence of the ABC.

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VIC 3782




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:36 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC to remain in public hands

In order for Australia to be a strong and resilient democracy it is critical we have a strong, robust independent broadcaster. Increase their budget and support this wonder institution. I live regionally, the ABC brings depth and richness to my life. Yours faithfully [REDACTED]

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VIC 3749 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:36 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

As a rural GP I rely on the independent voice of the ABC to provide unbiased news, current affairs and insight into contemporary issues. You will lose my vote forever if you attempt to privatise this valuable community service

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VIC 3666




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:35 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep your hands off Our ABC !

For me the only TV and radio stations worth tuning in to are the ABC. They provide consistently thorough and trustworthy reporting in an age where fake news abounds. A robust well funded ABC is essential to our democracy. I am deeply concerned about the continual push by the Coalition and the One Nation Senators to put the ABC into private hands. I and many ordinary Australians will fight tooth and nail to protect this great broadcaster from privatisation.

Yours sincerely
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VIC 3144 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:35 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: We need a public ABC!

The ABC serves a unique and vital function for our country as an independent investigator and reporter, as well as funding and offering quality programming. Keep the ABC public!

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NSW 2060 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:33 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Australia's ABC Television Network, in public hands only!

To whom it may concern.


As an Australian citizen, I find it un patriotic to even consider privatizing the ABC Television Network. The ABC needs to remain in public hands because we can not risk any changes, which are not made in consideration of the Australian public, as we are used to.

No to the ABC being Privatised!

kind regards

[REDACTED]
ABC viewer

[REDACTED]

TAS 7010 

[REDACTED]


From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Maintain funding for our public broadcasters

The ABC is a national treasure and must remain in public hands. It fulfils a unique place in Australian culture - telling Australian stories to Australians; calling our politicians to account; investigating fraud, corruption and wrong-doings; making us laugh and sometimes cry; keeping us informed. To say that it is no longer required because of today's vastly different media landscape to the 1930s is a facile statement - it is even more important now, given the amount of fake news available on the internet.

The \$1.2B cost of running the ABC is a pittance in comparison to the total federal government spending of \$488B. To say that it costs a lot of money, as the IPA constantly reminds us, is a gross distortion; NSW citizens are watching in horror as the state government wastes almost \$2B rebuilding two perfectly good stadiums.

I want to see the ABC remain well-funded and acting in the interests of all Australians. It must maintain an active presence on all media platforms and appeal to people of all ages, in the cities and in regional areas.

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NSW 2196 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

I think the parliamentarians that are against the ABC really need to think about the services that the ABC gives to the public when there is an emergency such as cyclones ,floods and fire ,accidents on the road and hold ups . Country people really rely on the ABC stock prices and weather reports . We should not cut out shortwave to the countries around us .Can you imagine commercial radio bothering with classical music ? Most of the announcers seem to be sympathetic to their audience not belittling some of their callers in a very rude manner . I don't think there would be a programme like Big Ideas or the religion report on . We need to enlarge ideas not become smaller in our thoughts .The ABC should continue its inspiration to the rest of the world .The USA would love to have it

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TAS 7000 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Why the ABC must not be privatised.

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

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NSW 2107




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:29 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: What the ABC means to me

I came to Australia in 1977 - And the one single standout thing I noticed was the ABC. Every society requires a public broadcaster such as the ABC, with not only the journalistic integrity, but the lack of commercial imperatives, to give the community a bedrock of factual reporting untainted by vested interest. Sure there are times when people with more extreme views from both sides of the political divide will have a good reason to whinge but this is a small price to pay for this wonderful institution. Always remember that the ABC reports news, while commercial media sells product. There is a gulf of difference. In addition to this, the ABC with less of the imperative for commercial "success" , has produced so many wonderful shows, it is at the very heart of Australian culture. If you want to maintain a culture in Australia that is unique and precious, please, I beg you, do not mess with the ABC.

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WA 6107 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:29 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I appreciate the Australian content of the programs and I do not want to watch advertisements

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NSW 2103




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:27 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't trash something that is precious to so many - the ABC

Everyone I know, if they watch free-to-air at all, watches the ABC. And if you destroy it, you will destroy your government. Hey, that's not a bad idea after all. Go ahead and reap what you sow...

[REDACTED]

NSW 2086 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:27 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC IS AN INTEGRAL PART OR OUR DEMOCRACY

Australia needs an independent media outlet supported bilaterally by the Federal Government.
Without an independent media organisation we risk ;


infiltration of restricted ideology by elements of society.

loss of development in the arts

and important dissemination of knowledge scientific, medical, social, social justice and responsibility for
communication of knowledge Australia wide.

To turn the ABC into a private enterprise is unAustralian and is being promoted by individuals with
personal motives not thought for the development of our society.

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WA 6010 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

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

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QLD 4341



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From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABQc

Keep your hands off the ABC!!!!

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QLD 4560 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC

The ABC is our main public broadcaster owned by the people of Australia. It is not owned by the Liberal Party. It is thus not available for the Liberal Party to sell. As a public broadcaster the ABC is supposed to be free from political and commercial interference - at this point in time this is clearly not the case. The Federal Government seems hellbent on destroying it because it offers valid critical comment on some of the policies the Government is pursuing and because Rupert Murdoch wants it gone for unfounded and fallacious reasons of unfair competition. Both attack the ABC incessantly and unrelentingly with the clear aim to intimidate the ABC into compliance with their views.

The ABC is the cornerstone of our democracy. It is one of the main sources of independent and balanced journalism left in this country. A healthy Democracy requires independent fearless comment and critique of our political processes and politics. If it becomes privatised it will be forced to serve the interests of its private owner - so we the public of Australia effectively stand to lose our democracy.

In any event, one of the greatest examples of wrong-headed thinking by the privatisation proponents is that if the ABC were ever to be privatised it would compete with the limited advertising dollars which would only exacerbate the dire contraction in advertising revenues experienced by News Corp. My clear message is simply keep your hands off the ABC. Stop the ABC budget cuts and restore its funding and stop your intimidation and running criticism. Keep and support our ABC.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

VIC 3134




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I have always watched the ABC as I appreciated its non bias reporting and diverse programing.. Any political party who chose to privatize or reduce funding to the ABC would loose my vote. My vote would also be influenced by any Political party who advocated reduction in the ABC 's funding. resulting in its ability to function or prosper. I would like to remind those intent on the above actions that myself and many other older voters will be angered by such an ill thought and arrogant proposition.

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NSW 2082 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC

I oppose any attempt to privatise the ABC which has been a pioneer in broadcasting since the 1930's.


At a personal level, I have valued the ABC as a source of balanced and informed news and current affairs, the broadcast of sport particularly cricket (free from the corruptive influence of sport betting advertising) and wonderful and creative children's programs on radio (I was as keen Argonaut in the 1950's) and of course children's TV.

For people in rural and regional areas, the ABC has been at the core of country life for ninety years.

Because the ABC is an independent public broadcasting system, protected by its charter, it is not beholden to any commercial or political interests. To privatise and commercialise the ABC would put its independence in jeopardy.

Three further reasons I value the ABC as it is, is the depth of its investigative journalism (which has triggered substantial changes in society) the quality of the work of the foreign correspondents and the quality of Australian drama.

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NSW 2074 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands!

Dear Inquiry into the ABC,

This broadcaster needs to stay in public hands. I value the ABC's Australian original content such as Australian Story, Gardening Australia and Four Corners on TV and radio programs such as AM & PM, Richard Glover's in the afternoon Richard Fidler's interviews just to name a few of the quality programs the ABC produces. I fear with privatisation that this quality will be down graded to popular social media gimmicky programs that are on the commercial channels that don't have the quality journalism of the ABC. I also am concerned at the push behind this inquiry is due to political parties not liking some of the criticism the ABC with their quality Journalism has made to certain policies by political parties and this is an attempt to silence criticism. Australia is a democracy with robust debate encouraged by our laws around free speech. If the ABC was to be privatised I am certain we would loose some of this robustness of debate that I value. Do NOT privatise the ABC! Concerned Australian that values the ABC and its TV & Radio content.

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NSW 2750 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:24 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC

It's extraordinary that the Liberal Party politicians of tomorrow can even contemplate privatising the ABC. It's the NATIONAL broadcaster which means that it's not private; it's public. A public voice is an essential part of a healthy democracy. Over time, both sides of politics have had their problems with, and antipathies towards, the ABC which is to be expected if the ABC is doing its job. Governments who silence voices of criticism have a history of becoming dictatorships. This is a very slippery slope. Any move towards privatising the ABC must be rigorously opposed.

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QLD 4101



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:24 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep your hands off our ABC

The ABC gives my husband and I the only TV station that we like to watch for the quality of the programmes we like to watch. The other channels have such sensational rubbish or reality TV. We also appreciate being able to avoid having commercials interrupting our viewing. The ABC has provided fantastic children's shows and continues to have educational and informative programmes for our children. We are also big fans of ABC radio and online news. It is disappointing that the LNP have made so many cuts to funding the ABC. There could be much more quality drama and comedy programmes as we have had before. Privatisation of our beloved ABC would have it end up like the other poor quality media outlets. We strongly disagree with the comments that the ABC is biased to the left, people saying this obviously don't listen or watch the ABC.

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WA 6022




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:23 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

Hands off Our ABC you scumbucket lieberals & nuts RWNJs. As usual you miscreants know the price of everything but the value of nothing. Oz has always needed Our ABC, but in these present times more than ever. I know that you jerks cannot stand independent forthright public broadcasting, if it won't play your demanded role of rightwing propaganda mouthpiece. I know that you jerks cannot stand accurate unbiased analysis & objective reporting. I know that you jerks cannot stand cultural representation of more than white picket 1950s fences. Tough bickies... it's Our ABC, & the vast majority of Oz wants it. If that's not to your liking, just bugger off. Hands off Our ABC.

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NSW 2575 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:23 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: A National Public Service


The ABC is a national treasure which must be funded, supported and maintained. It is a Public Service which continues to provide a professional voice which is fair, diverse, reflective of our nation and not beholden to the whims of the market or politician's 'fake news'.

As a child I had some of my fondest learning experiences sitting in front of our TV watching the ABC, free from the intrusion of commercials. As a parent, and a teacher, with young children I am even more grateful that we have a public service which produces quality educational programs based on sound pedagogy and is free from commercials and commercial concerns.

As a viewer I am humbled and often greatly moved by real stories - not reality TV - which I have seen over the years. I learn and I grow through programs which make me more informed, a better person and more hopeful citizen. I am so grateful for a broadcaster which makes shows that reflect our ever changing ethnic makeup and investigates social issues that no private broadcaster touch. I continue to be immensely challenged and engaged by shows which just don't exist on the 3 major commercial channels.

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NSW 2205 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

Living and work overseas a lot I rely on the ABC to get a reliable and unbiased opinion on current event in a Australia and around the world. I also admire JJJ's broadcasting philosophy and ability to uncover and help new music artist across Australia.

I do believe that all the aspects about ABC new and music bodies that I admire will be tainted and diluted with any sort or privatisation.

I urge the government to scrap any plans to sell off, privatise or commercial the ABC.

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TAS 7250 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Give free speech a fair go

If Australia is truly a free country as MUST keep ABC public. To privatise it is to attack that freedom. I grew up with the ABC and privatizing it will change it's core values and operation.

Please, do not take away Australians freedom.

[REDACTED]

VIC 3070




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise or underfund the ABC

I have several reasons for wishing the ABC is not privatised or underfunded.
I live in country Victoria . So do many of my friends and family. The underfunded.ABC has an important place in my life: updating me on regional and rural matters in detail.
As a comedy fan and a fan of independently made Australian content- particularly drama that tells lesser heard Australian stories, I rely on the ABC to provide funding and an outlet for these programs.
I look to the ABC for high quality, independent journalism.
I am deeply concerned about cuts in funding or threats to privatise.
Your sincerely,

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VIC 3227 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC has links to a lifetime of memories for all Australians. It's never been compromised with the sway of advertising revenue and always remained uniquely Australian. Please keep it in the hands of the public and ensure adequate funding is provided to support great programming and Australian productions.

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NSW 2000 

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

I enjoy 75% of the ABC programs. Stop your interference and leave well alone.

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VIC 3174



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:21 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Properly fund a public ABC

To whom it may concern,

Please protect and properly fund the ABC. There have been too many cuts to the ABC in recent years. I am appalled the ABC's funding has been cut when Fox Sport receive \$30,000,000 of public money. Public broadcasting is a vital service that should be properly maintained.

I have grown up watching ABC TV and listening to ABC radio. I learnt to tie my shoelaces from watching Sesame Street. I learnt the alphabet from Play School. I never litter because of Captain Planet. I have listened to Jon Faine in the morning for as long as I can remember.

When I was 11 years old I was sexually assaulted. It was extremely scary but because I had watched Degrassi Junior High on the ABC, I knew it was not my fault. Though I did not have the courage to tell my parents, knowing it wasn't my fault helped me to recover. Good quality TV can provide a lot of assistance for young people, especially those who do not have great relationships with their parents, or whose parents are frequently absent because they have to work long hours. The ABC has ensured, and continues to ensure, there is good quality programming for young people.

As a teenager I was an avid Triple J listener. The hottest 100 played a special role at many a BBQ. I also watched the 7.30 Report with my grandma, a rusted-on LNP voter, and enjoyed robust discussions about Australian politics.

Now that I am old, the ABC is my most trusted news source and Insiders is my favourite TV show. I love that they ensure a variety of views. Because my mother always played either ABC local radio or Radio National as I was growing up, and because I have continued to listen, I feel I have a relationship with many of the journalists and hosts. I remember exactly where I was as I listened to Tony Eastley's last show on AM (I was in the car. It was my best friend's wedding day and I was supposed to be getting my hair and makeup done because I was a bridesmaid. I was 10 minutes late so I could finish listening to the whole program) and I was terribly sad when Mark Colvin passed away. Rightly, both the Prime Minister and Opposition Leader paid tribute to Mark Colvin. He contributed tremendously to Australian society and he did it through the ABC.

I also love the homegrown Australian drama and comedy. Many of my friends only allow their children to watch the ABC. When I have children, I will be the same.

The ABC has already experienced too many financial cuts. We have lost important sources of news, such as Late Line and other current affairs shows (such as the World Today and PM) have been shortened. There aren't enough foreign correspondents to adequately cover highly important world events.

I am worried that if funding for the ABC continues to be cut, we will lose an incredible resource. The quality of TV and radio programs for young people will decline, the quality and scope of news coverage will decline and those in regional areas will have no local news.

Privatisation of the ABC would not work. Australia needs a broadcaster that works for the people, not for a corporation.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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VIC 3070




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:21 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC in Public Hands!

I listen to ABC radio while I work. I love the unbiased content, the investigative reporting and no advertising! Also, when my children were young, the ABC was the only TV station that I let them watch. No ads and good content for children. Please keep it that way! And please ensure that the ABC has enough funding so that we can continue to learn, stretch our knowledge, question the world around us and be entertained.

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SA 5172 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:20 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands.

I live in Adelaide & am a staunch watcher of both the ABC & SBS (in fact I rarely watch the commercial channels as I find their reporting to be generally much more superficial). I also, LOVE FM Classics & Radio National & have one or other on all the time. The reporting & quality of the shows are second to none in Australia. My grandchildren love the Children's Shows as well. I cannot imagine life without the PUBLIC ABC. I'm certain there would be a terrible "Dumbing Down" of our society. It is hard to imagine that Australia could ever compete on a world-stage if this proposal of Privatizing the ABC were ever to go ahead. NO! This must be stopped at all costs.

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SA 5061 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC to keep its iconic Australian identity

For decades I have watched public assets sold off for commercialism, and our quality of life deteriorates and costs go up!
Hands off the ABC.

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QLD 4505 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Preserving the ABC

Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and should not be compared with commercial media.
It is essential that we retain a public voice which is not subservient financially to any political or social group.

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ACT 2614



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must remain independent


The ABC is the one and only independent (ie. independent of political and commercial influence) broadcaster in the country.

Many of those who are prepared to remove the ABC as an objective non-corruptible voice on our airwaves are exactly the people who ideologically espouse freedom of speech, yet want to simultaneously disembowel the very broadcaster that represents that ethos because the torch is sometimes turned on their own political party. We understand the intense lobbying coming from the private media outlets and the far right, but why can't we stand up for objectivity rather than ideology.

Shame.

The Australian people are firmly behind the ABC, and any attempt to privatise it will meet with stiff opposition and civil disobedience, the like of which many of you probably can't actually imagine in this day and age. Do not underestimate the will of the people on this. You can't have it both ways.

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TAS 7170 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:15 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS

The ABC has been a cherished part of my life since childhood. It began with ABC Radio and Classical Music which is in short supply for kids in the bush. Beloved serials like Blue Hills was a favourite with farmers coming home for lunch. The Argonauts Club informed my childhood appreciation of Greek Myths and Legends, as well as providing opportunities to explore art and literature. ABC Television marked a new era in our pleasure with remarkable documentaries like the History of English, Yes Minister - still a classic, and still as true as the day it was made. Steptoe and Son brought fun and laughter. David Attenborough still delights with his wonderful explorations of the natural world. ABC Radio continues to delight with Classic FM. For years John Carga brought us the the pleasure of 'Singers of Renown.' The ABC continues to be an important part of our culture and heritage, bringing us art, music, poetry. The best of ABC Television cannot be equalled by the trivialising approach to everything on the Commercial Channels , in which Advertising damages and overwhelms the content, with no thought about maintaining viewer interest, slashing even the best programs in the most crude and thoughtless way. Brideshead Revisited was a remarkable series of yesteryear. The ABC is an icon, it aims for excellence which is seldom, if ever, equalled on channels whose prime interest is in pleasing the financial piper. The ABC brings us news we can trust: Four Corners reveals the dark excesses of the Commercial World, Crimes, Injustice, Corruption - often subjects which the government of the day would prefer not to be put under the spotlight, but must be in the interests of preserving our Democracy. And democracy is what the ABC has always been about. The 7.30 report gives thoughtful interviews and examination of uncomfortable facts: perhaps that's why certain people would like to see such programs closed down. ABC News can be relied upon to give us the facts: that makes it one of our favourite programs to keep us up-to-date

Q&A remains one of my favourite programs. It gives all sides of the Political spectrum to express and debate points of view : the viewer then makes up his/her own mind. Once again, this is why the ABC so valuable: giving everyone to express their opinion, without being diluted by conflicting financial interests. When Democracy mimics dictatorships by attempting to silence citizens from having their say, we have something to worry about. The ABC must remain in Public Hands to ensure our Australian freedoms aren't whittled away by politicians of any persuasion. The ABC is a National Icon: we can't let prejudiced old white men steal our heritage. It must remain in public hands. Today and Forever.

[REDACTED]
NSW 2117




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC as our Public Broadcaster

ABC makes great australian dramas and factual shows that showcase so many different aspects of our fabulous country I love the radio shows and listen to Local and Radio National. Australia would be so much more blander and un australian if the ABC was the same as the commercial stations that struggle to put decent Australian content and end up with so much that is American or British. LETS NOT TAKE OUR REAL CHARACTER AWAY

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NSW 2548 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC public!

No way should the ABC be privatised. This talk and the non result for the aboriginal Committee are huge issues for me. Liberal Party need to be more in touch!

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NSW 2540 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep or ABC in public hands!!!

The Liberal Party has moved so far away from its foundations, it has become unrecognisable. Joseph Lyons would be ashamed. The ABC has been in institution supporting our values, cultural and social, for decades and provides important, useful and critical analyses of issues that concern all Australians. The constant bullying the ABC has to put up with is undignified and does not encourage trust in the current government. Commercial broadcasts appear to be designed to dum down the nation while the ABC is providing the only balanced view. How can we talk about democracy if we cannot handle criticism? Over the years several analyses have documented that the Liberals' accusation of pro-labour bias in the ABC is wrong. The ABC needs to stay in public hands as we need the services this organisation provides to the Australian public to continue. The ABC requires MORE funding to bring us more home-grown contents relevant to Australians. What do governments have to hide if they so object to being scrutinised? It is undemocratic and proof of poor leadership. The ABC has to stay in public hands.

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TAS 7000 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: NO PRIVITISATION OF THE ABC!

I am eighty two years of age and reared since childhood on ABC programmes. I associate quality, accuracy and honesty with their presentation, and the opportunity ABC offers to develop fine broadcasting and theatre. Privitising the ABC would reduce its standard to the lesser level of the commercial channels and radio broadcasting. Without doubt I would, as well as so many others, be literally reduced to tears. The ABC has a standard worthy of emulating. Retain and foster our friend the ABC.

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QLD 4054 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: hands off our ABC

I am 68 years old, and over the years I have watched companies privatised in the mistaken belief that 'competition' would be a good thing. However, utilities such as water, power and public transport, if not kept in the hands of the people, will escape regulation and become prohibitive. In the case of the ABC, if this beloved institution leaves the hands of the people it will soon become as shallow and unimportant as most programs now offered by commercial channels, along with all the advertisements. If the ABC is showing left-wing bias, then by all means keep calling them out on this, but do not privatise!

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SA 5050 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

We need a broadcaster that is not beholden to the vested interests of business and politics. Jesus would NEVER put self-interest ahead of truth...

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VIC 3030 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands !!!!!!!

SBS and ABC are the only TV channel I'm watching .
I like Q&A , it gives the view of public on australia current affairs
also giving the public a chance to discuss /raise concerns about our society to leaders
ABC Classic FM and ABC Radio are only 2 radio stations I'm listening to.
ABC Classic FM is well loved around the world...not just in AUS.

I'm afraid that with privatisation of ABC , We are loosing the trusted news source. With cooperate
interesting in making money, channeling news to support for attracting and retaining advertisements.
Also, I'm concern that for more profit , they will cut cost to minimal...so news is going to be repost of social
media without verification (most are fake news) and will not have a good judgement on the accuracy of
news.

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NSW 2143



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Leave the ABC Alone

The ABC has a long history of being valued by many Australians as one of the few unbiased and reliable news services in the country. I appreciate the freedom that the ABC has to carry out investigative reporting without the fetters imposed by vested interests. No doubt one of those pushing for the end of the ABC will be the Murdoch interests. The same interests that are the only ones that Donald Trump will speak with. Enough said.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2257




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC!

As an immigrant into Australia, I found it challenging to get up to speed with what was happening here, politically, culturally and how that fit into the historical backdrop. In fact, I am still learning, and am so grateful for the ABC (and SBS) for providing me with accurate, timely and unbiased news, as well as culturally relevant programming , including such great pieces as "Four Corners" and "Q and A." And then there are the documentaries and specials, as well as the amazing ABC radio. I don't think I would have survived the transition without the support of the insightful and refreshingly challenging journalism of the ABC to refer to. The other option is the encroachment of more fake news and monopolization of the forces that shape public opinion-surely the dream of any conservative-or totalitarian. HANDS OFF THE ABC!

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NSW 2486 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Preserve the editorial independence of the ABC

A publicly funded broadcaster that is independent of commercial interests and independent of government is a fundamental part of the Australia I love. It is one of the things that makes us a better society than many others, such as the United States. I get most of my information about Science and Technology from the ABC because it is the only broadcaster who hosts intelligent discussions of controversial issues. I get most of my news and current affairs from the ABC because it is the only broadcaster I can trust for a treatment of issues that is not beholden to big money interests. If the ABC becomes dependent on sponsors its editorial independence is in jeopardy. Only by publicly funding can the independence of the ABC be preserved.

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SA 5162 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC in Public hands!

I have grown up valuing the ABC above all other broadcasters and it is of upmost importance to maintain its public ownership...it is a cornerstone of Australian culture and identity.

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SA 5173



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please protect the ABC

Commercial radio and television is dominated by moronic content and vapid "reality" tv. The ABC provides solid educational content, interesting documentaries, comedy, sport, quality journalism and light entertainment. It tries to appeal to all sectors of the populace unlike commercial television which is driven by securing maximum advertising return.

The ABC is only being attacked because it does not cravenly push an extreme right wing point of view. The Murdoch Press feels threatened by quality competitors and has accused the ABC of bias, purely on the grounds that the ABC does not openly advertise, excuse and promote right wing politics as it does. To be impartial and balanced is seen to be biased when viewed from a slavering right wing perspective.

Without the ABC, I would not have watched Play school and BTN as a child. I would not have seen thousands of documentaries as a teenager and would probably have limited knowledge of current affairs and politics. I would have heard no ABC cricket commentary in Summer, nor football analysis in Winter. I would never have learned of the awful scandals revealed by Four Corners and would not have learned anything from the nightly news. I would never have had the friend that ABC local radio has been to me all my life and would have missed the science content on Radio National.

Quite frankly, if I was a politician, I'd be embarrassed to argue that commercial content can replace the ABC because I would be revealed as a complete cretin. Only someone who is completely out of touch with reality would be blind to the reality that independent, public broadcasting is vital in society.

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SA 5085



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC

Please we need to keep thus Australian institution as it is. Away from privatization.
This is probably the only main communication medium that is sensitive, cultured and family friendly.

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WA 6051 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC public

Voters across the political spectrum support, respect and value Our ABC. It must never be sold or “given away.” Concentration of media in Australia has had very detrimental effects on democracy. Constant carping, whinging and vexatious complaints from the government only add to voters’ suspicions about why they want to do away with the ABC. We are not stupid, we see what the government and the Liberal Party is trying to do: shut down investigation and probing of corruption , dirty dealing and collusion in politics. Don’t let the ABC, our most trusted broadcaster, be a punching bag for a powerful rich elite that has its own self interest as its primary motivation for killing off the public broadcaster.

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SA 5007 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please do not privatise the ABC


To Whom It May Concern:

In an age of fake news, an independent ABC, not beholden to commercial interests, is more essential than ever.

I am completely against any move to privatise the ABC.

Thank you.

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VIC 3066 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC as a public broadcaster plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy by providing an independent and trustworthy reporting voice. As such, it is ludicrous to compare it with commercial media where private interest can and often does affect news reporting. A trustworthy and alternative news source is essential to maintain a balanced informed society. Important programs such as 4 corners, Media Watch, Insiders, etc provide a valuable news source which will be missing from total commercial media coverage because it is not in their profit-making interest to cover. An inquiry to see if the ABC and SBS have an advantage over commercial outlets by virtue of being publicly funded misses this crucial point. It is also not inconsequential that for many rural areas the ABC is the only source of news. Please retain our publicly funded ABC! It is important to our democracy!

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SA 5154 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatize the ABC

The ABC has always been my most trusted source of news and quality Australian drama and comedy. I'm concerned about the Federal Coalition's recent attacks on the ABC and what this might mean to Australian society. If the ABC was no longer in public hands it is likely that we would lose access to quality Australian content. But we would also lose one of only two independently operated Media organisations. The very premise of the current inquiry (to see if the ABC and SBS have any advantage over commercial outlets) misses a crucial point: Public broadcasting plays an important role in our democracy and should not be compared with commercial media.

Please keep the ABC in public hands.

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VIC 3222 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC in any way

Clearly there are few media outlets that are truly unbiased. The ABC is the best of the unbiased bunch and provide the only news media that I will read. They are able to break stories such as the cotton grower water scandal because they are not influenced by corporations or government. We will lose the right to truth in broadcasting if the ABC is privatised. The government wants to shut down the ABC because they keep finding uncomfortable truths about the current government or their sponsors. Sorry but actually I fund the ABC and have the right to a say in its future.
Hands off the ABC!!!

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SA 5000 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do Not Privatise ABC

I am totally opposed to the privatisation of our ABC. I believe its independence and ability to comment outside the government/private and corporate institutions with vested interests is fundamental to our democracy. I draw attention to the reports of people like Chris Masters during the years of the Queensland police corruption scandal/other 4 Corners reports, together with 7.30 report/Lateline, Radio National and 774. Independent journalism has led to a number of Royal Commissions exposing root and branch corruption. The extreme right political wing in Australia just wants to control us and get rid of institutions who maintain our democracy.

I am outraged at the idea of ABC privatisation and would be committed to joining a social movement to fight for its independence.

Yours sincerely

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VIC 3226



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must be owned by the people

The ABC isn't the Governments to sell. It is a public broadcaster, owned by the people, for the people. It is not a plaything for party-political ideological battles. The time has come for politicians to start acting in the interest of the majority, to listen to the overwhelming number of Australians who trust and value the many local and national services the ABC provides. It is not just a news service, it is a source of inspirational programming. It fosters Australia's creative industries, employs Australians, and sets a standard for other broadcasters to follow, Please keep funding this important Australian institution and keep it in the hands of the people.

Warm regards

[REDACTED]

ACT 2602



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC should not be privatised

My family and I don't watch commercial television. Ever. Because the programming is generally stupid or boring or insulting. And the constant BARRAGE of advertising is intolerable.

I only ever watch ABC or SBS and usually only through their online platforms. ABC iView is the best online app for catch up viewing and i rely on ABC for independent and intelligent news and current affairs. I rely on ABC for diversity, for entertaining comedy, for quality and compelling drama. My daughter accesses ABC content for school projects.

The reality is none of this quality content is available on the commercial free to air stations. Commercial stations are driven by profits, therefore by advertisers preferences. Privatisation hasn't worked for our energy sector, which is a mess because corporate companies have failed to invest in infrastructure or development. Or our public transport system, which is also a mess for the same reasons. The Liberal party are fans of privatisation because it bring short terms financial wins and it serves the already wealthy and privileged corporate community of which Liberal MPs are members. History has proven that privatisation doesn't serve the public good. We, the public always lose out to corporate vested interests.

If the Liberal party were to privatise the ABC then we would stop consuming free to air television all together. Without the ABC the Australian television network has absolutely nothing to offer us.

Hands off our ABC. We love it, we use it and its important to maintain it in the interests of public good.

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VIC 3088



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:01 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

4 Corners and the New is one of our most trusted news source?

I am happy for my grandchildren to watch the children's programs. I do not believe that children should be subjected to advertisements.

I believe that we must have an independent forum for debate. No government should be able to control free speech.

The Coalition appears to want to attack the ABC as it does not like what is produced on the ABC as it feels it is biased. Public debate is at the heart of democracy.

The ABC needs to stay in public hands so we the people of Australia can hear both side of an argument and make up our own minds on issues that impact on us as a country and individuals

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VIC 3193



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:01 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in Public Hands

The LNP government have no right to sell the ABC ever . The ABC belongs to the people of Australia. The ABC has always given The Australian people excellent radio and television coverage until cut backs began from the current government. The government

should be listening to the people of Australia for the ABC to remain in public hands all politicians should remember we the people of Australian pay politicians salaries and expense

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NSW 2317 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save our ABC from privatisation by Turnbull!

This surely the most serious threat to our democracy ever faced by this generation. We have one and only one reliable and unbiased source of information available to the general public. The ABC is an integral part of our lives, it is where we go every single time to get the facts about the events of every day life. The events that effect us all every single minute of our lives. Where else could any ordinary Australian turn to get to the bottom of the jargon of politicians and the biased reporting of the mass media? This country would be a sad and corrupt place without the ABC. Our children would be lacking in their general knowledge and their desire to learn and uncover their potential without the ABC. Australia is a world leader in educational media content, and this is entirely down to the wonderful service the ABC provides to every single man woman and child in this country.

To contemplate life without OUR ABC is unconscionable ! We simply must fight with every fibre of our being to protect OUR ABC from the corruption of privatisation and ownership of conservative media outlets such as Murdoch etc.

As a Friend of the ABC I am 100% against ANY part of the ABC network being sold off for profit!

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TAS 7117



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:59 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: WE NEED A PUBLIC NEWS OUTLET - WE NEED THE ABC

Dear Sirs,

At a time when reliable and objective reporting is increasingly hard to find, the ABC stands out as a critical asset for the welfare of our country. It is the only entity to endeavour to provide objective independent reporting, and as such plays a vital role in the social health of our country. While it gets some things wrong at times, overall its balance is good, its investigative journalism is excellent, and its role in education and development activities essential.

All of these national benefits would be lost if the ABC were privatised.

The issue of competitive advantage is a red herring. The real competition troubling some media organisations is the competition for advertising dollars, which have all flowed away from TV and newspapers to online streams, and are being vacuumed up by Google, Facebook and many others.

Privatising the ABC would NOT solve this problem for the commercial media outlets, but would only serve to destroy an critically important public asset.

I urge you to avoid the emotive arguments currently in play and ensure that the ABC remains a publicly owner asset. This is in the best long term interests of this country and all Australians.

Yours sincerely

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NSW 2159



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:59 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is not a government plaything...it belongs to US

There are only a few real sources of credible news, investigative journalism, current affairs, Australian cultural shows etc and the most important is the ABC.

Keep our ABC out of the sticky manipulative hands of politicians. When politicians want control over some institution it is because they want unregulated power to drive the institution in ways that are not necessarily in the national interest. Government interference in the running (or running down) of the ABC is one such blatant attempt to hobble this essential public good.

HANDS OFF OUR ABC

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QLD 4562 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:58 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

The ABC is a valuable source of information and entertainment for me. I do not like most of what is on the commercial stations. I enjoy and value Q&A and many other programs. I am concerned that if the ABC is sold it will include material I cannot agree with. I am sure this applies to many people in Australia who can associate their beliefs with those of the ABC. TV is important to me as I am growing older and my activities are increasingly limited, and I have no interest in watching programs that are mindless and biased toward simplicity and stupidity. Public broadcasting plays an extremely important part in a democracy for thinking people.

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NSW 2536 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:58 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC Privatisation.

I taught Senior History for 36 years in High School in NSW. I know the implications of a dictatorship. A free press & media is vital in a democracy. I do not want to live in a dictatorship dominated by the opinions of News Corp, Fox News & other right wing organizations like the Centre For Independent Studies. Support an independent ABC. Don't vote LIB/NP.

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NSW 2534




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:58 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC - our intelligent link across the world!

Each year I (try to remember to!) send a message of thanks and congratulations to Radio National - my daughters in Toronto (aged 36), and Sydney (aged 30), and both their young sons, and both their husbands - all love to connect with ABC - and through those shared programs and podcasts and accessings, with me (aged 65), and their younger brother (aged 19) in Western Australia. We have all known for generations that the ABC is a trustworthy source of information, unlike any other. I live in a regional centre in Western Australia, and we NEED the ABC's reliable information and community commitment. When I lived back in London for a few years, I was amazed that the ABC - which was always under attack by governments at home in Australia - was superior in all areas to the BBC !!

THE PREMISE OF THIS INQUIRY i.e. to see if the ABC has an advantage over commercial outlets because of being publicly funded IS IRRELEVANT to the ABC's exclusive value as a trustworthy public broadcaster that can be 'called' precisely because it is publicly funded. Commercial media is precisely that - COMMERCIAL - with vested interests, and eminently 'buyable'. My children grew up watching the ABC, BECAUSE it was publicly funded and there were constraints on its promotion of junk values and junk food (two of my central concerns). Please use this time and effort to look at ways of restoring funding to fine and reliable media. Please do NOT sell off my grandchildren's reliable public media futures to base interests and incompetent, 'loaded' reportage. Please STOP attacking our excellent public media: all my family are with me on this, across four generations of Australians who've relied on our public broadcaster precisely BECAUSE they are publicly funded, and must not be 'bought'!

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WA 6230 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC publicly owned

I strongly oppose privatisation of the ABC there needs to be at least one independent media outlet!
It will be a very sad day for Australian democracy if the privatisation of the ABC goes ahead!

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VIC 3616 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC as a non profit organisation

To privatise our precious ABC would be tantamount to destroying an Australian icon. The ABC (& SBS) are impartial news sources who employ quality journalists of impeccable integrity. It does not have a political agenda like the Murdoch Press and is balanced in all its productions. To privatise it would be to destroy what we hold dear about it. The commercial stations are about making money. The ABC is not. As with all essential services whose supply should be assured by the Government, the ABC is about quality, integrity and balance. To lose that would be nothing short of a catastrophe.

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NSW 2537



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC privatisation

I am vehemently against the privatisation of the ABC and this issue alone is enough to swing my next vote.

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NSW 2519



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Please do NOT privatise my ABC it is the best television station we have Documenteries, series and all programmes are all worth watching and having NO commercials is an absolute joy. All of the presenters are excellent, the morning, with Virginia Michael and Paul and guests plus the weather and sports presenters are excellent. They are not Biased and present the news in a very professional manner. Q &A Insiders , media watch and other programmes are a must watch. DO Not privatise our ABC.

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NSW 2535



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:56 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privitise the ABC

Please do not allow the ABC to be privatised. I get world news on ABC radio that is invaluable to me. All of the people around me brought their kids up on Playschool and other Aussie shows. My elderly aunts and uncles would be devastated. They feel ownership as hardworking taxpayers of longstanding. My parents' weeknight entertainment relies on ABC tv. We all see the ABC as a national treasure. Sly fiddling is not appreciated. Leave corporate bodies to their markets and leave the national public broadcaster alone.

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QLD 4075



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:55 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: National treasure the ABC.

Leave our precious ABC alone. Does not cost us money it makes money for all Australians. It adds to our culture educates our children and is free of commercial bias. No Mr Murdoch we do not wish for Fox News Australians are better than that . The example of Telstra and the electricity privatisation should be the reason why we should stop this now. Failed policy . We love our ABC so important especially in the country.

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NSW 2632



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:54 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatising the ABC

privatisation has a poor record of defending rights, and remaining honest & true. In your right minds how can you imagine that you could tamper with the relationship the ABC has historically had with the Australian heart & mind? It's unAustralian what you propose and we roundly abhor & reject your design upon the ABC which can only be about your coveting control over it's power. The power of the people in this matter & others of unfairly weighted taxation will certainly mean Coalitions' loss of power at the next election unless we see better far wiser & fairer representation! Get real.. there's too much love for the freedom of information we gain from access to ABC programs. Hands off!

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VIC 3666 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:54 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Unbiased ABC

With so many media outlets owned by so few we need the A B C to give us the true stories and objective news coverage. Not journalism which has been tainted by personal, commercial and Political interests

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NSW 2217



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:54 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public

The ABC to me is my connection to the world. For the past 60 years it has been my daily link to excellent journalism, variety and informative programs, well researched information, authentic topics, free of advertising, entertaining. I've paid taxes all my life, I've worked in serving the Australian community in education, I now volunteer to support my community and truly believe the ABC provides non biased, two-sided views in all it does. It is their as a service to the people of Australia.

Please do not allow our only option be an alternative of a Private ABC.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2260 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:52 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC Privatisation

When was the last time privatising a government agency went well?
Did it make it better, cheaper, more efficient, more accountable?

I think not!


[REDACTED]

NSW 2318



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save the ABC

Since the election of the Turnbull Government, threats to the ABC have become plagued with threats of funding cuts. Their voice, the voice of the people, has been stifled to the point where any time they question government policy and decisions, a few more dollars are being threatened to disappear from the next budget. It is apparent that right wing politics is threatened by the questions that everyday Australian's want answered. I wish that I could say that the commercial stations will step in to take the place of the ABC. I wish I could say that journalism is not being influenced by the advertising dollar, the big corporations and the very loud opinions of a few middle aged white men. Unfortunately I don't believe that this will be the case. It is true that the ABC is more left wing than ANY of the commercial stations, or the paid news services such as Sky. My concern is the integrity of the commercial media. My concern is the flooding of my beloved ABC with junky advertising, scare mongering reporting, blatant political favoritism and even worse, the dreaded scourge of reality television. Powerful journalism, compelling drama and intelligent comedy are the reasons I watch the ABC. The humour, the heart and the soul of the ABC will never be maintained with commercial. Without the ABC I am in danger of turning off the television and radio altogether because commercial television has become toxic and unwatchable. It would be the greatest tragedy of my generation if we lost the ABC because the Liberal Party felt compelled to silence the only station who stands in opposition to them. If that isn't an abuse of power, I don't know what is. The Liberals privatised our power, then our gas and look at the mess that has left us in! Politics once prided itself in the maintenance of free speech. Apparently we're only allowed to have free speech as long as it agrees with the Liberal Party. Without the ABC to ask the questions we all want answered, how free will speech in Australia really be? How free will this country really be? Save the ABC! It's too important to privatise.


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VIC 3380 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC is admired worldwide and, in my opinion, the ABC's quality exceeds even the BBC. I would seriously consider emigrating if the ABC was out of public hands.
Thank you for the opportunity to comment

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VIC 3031 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC publicly funded.

I am interested in a range of opinions and ideas about local, national and world affairs. I believe I find. This in the ABC and would lose this precious passer if privatised

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[REDACTED]

SA 5068



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Leave ABC alone and in public hands!

Privatisation is a no no in most cases!
No good for us, more dumbing down of society especially with our beloved ABC!
Definitely not the ABC, please listen to the people!
Kind regards

[REDACTED]

SA 5038



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:49 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC

I have watched ABC since a child and have always enjoyed its impartial approach. It belongs to us citizens and our children. It is not commercial and it is the only free to air worth watching.

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VIC 3677



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:49 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

“When you change the conversation, you change the world.” The Guardian recently published an analysis by the great American cognitive linguist George Lakoff and his colleague, Gil Duran, of the instinctive and/or deliberate manipulation of language and thereby of world views by Donald Trump.

Trump employs four key techniques.

The most powerful one is known by linguists (the writer is a linguist) as framing. Lakoff and Duran explain: “Framing is about far more than words and slogans. Framing is about central modes of thought. Framing gets to the heart of the most important values you’re trying to communicate.”

The second technique is repetition: “Repetition works by activating brain structures called ‘frame-circuits’ used to understand experience. They get stronger when we hear the activating language. Enough repetition can make them permanent, changing how we view the world.” When a phrase-idea is repeated often enough, it shifts the frame even of those who oppose it. Who among of us was not made more doubting of her integrity by the framed repetition of “crooked Hillary”?

The third technique is to ensure that even opponents attack him within his own frame. World views are thus further manipulated as the phrases are repeated in the media, even while they are under critical interrogation by those same media. The fourth technique is to apply “‘salient exemplars’ – well-publicised individual cases, where wide publicity leads the public to take them as having a high probability.”

Conservatives in the Liberal Party who are attacking “our ABC” have learned from Trump’s disturbingly effective approach to manipulation of language and thus of the national and international world view. The framing started relatively mildly as we had federal ministers including the Treasurer, claiming that “even the ABC” had to live within its means as he defended cuts to the national broadcaster. Now the gloves are off, the truth is out: “It is an indulgence we can no longer afford” writes Harry Stutchbury (“The ABC is an indulgence we can no longer afford”, SMH, June 19). And on Q&A, June 18) there was repetition of the initially-unthinkable notion of privatising the ABC, with Liberal MP Linda Reynolds stating with startling matter-of-factness: “This is a debate we should have”. Further repetition within the same privatisation frame, by the Prime Minister ensued as he rejected any such notion. This framing is subsequently repeated through the media as the “debate” is reported. Our federal Minister for Communications with oversight of the ABC, Mitch Fifield, a paid-up member of the extreme conservative “think tank” the Institute of Public Affairs, with a platform including privatisation of the ABC, is employing Trump’s fourth technique: generalising “salient exemplars” to the entire organisation from single instances. Witness Trump’s current attacks on the FBI. Mr Fifield is combining this with repetition by developing six examples within the past five months of supposed bias in our national broadcaster. Soon these instances will begin to constitute the whole “truth” about the ABC, despite decades of independent investigations of such complaints that have overwhelmingly found the ABC to be unbiased and fair in its presentation of news, information and views.

My parents were lifelong devotees of ABC radio and then of ABC TV as they grew older. My scientific father and teacher mother could not bear the ads, the “blah” and superficiality of commercial radio and TV offerings: “It insults my intelligence” was my mother’s common response to any glimpses of commercial TV. My siblings and I thus grew up also as lifelong “ABC kids”, and our children, now young adults: Our adult children also love and trust only the news and investigative programs like Four Corners and The 7.30 Report, produced by the ABC. As small children they loved Noni Hazellhurst and also learned to appreciate cultural diversity through the cultural mix of Play School presenters. They planted their first plants following instructions from Noni! They loved the Aboriginal Dreamtime stories and developed deep respect for Aboriginal culture through Play School. Our scientific son has grown up with Robyn Williams’ wonderful science program on Radio National, and both children appreciate deeply, as we also do, the incredible range and depth of ABC Radio programs, from the Ethics and Religion Report to the Law Report to the Health Report, the human-interest aspect of Life Matters, the informative and entertaining 702 programs and on and on it goes. They also love Triple J and praise its support of brilliant Australian groups

who then go on to become famous. My husband and I have ABC FM on all day every day when we are at home, and I especially appreciate deeply the ongoing musical education these talented, wonderful and informative presenters provide alongside world class concerts and a range of music from Gregorian chants to Australia's own current composers such as Ross Edwards and Carl Vine. Not to mention William Barton, the incomparable didgeridoo player and composer.

The ABC is integral to our family life, soul and sense that there is some sanity and trustworthiness in a world swamped by fake news, vested-interest propaganda. An Australia without "our ABC" is an unthinkable prospect for us.

Beware the death of our national treasure, our trusted ABC, and along with the demise of the national broadcaster, of truth and our democracy, by a thousand words.



NSW 2071




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:49 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

It is essential that we continue to have our public broadcaster guided by its Charter and not constrained by the vested interests of media owners or advertisers. We have a broadcaster of excellent quality in the ABC, and it must be supported properly and recent funding cuts reversed. It must never be sold, it is an essential part of our healthy democracy because it allows critical assessment of governments without fear or favour. Save our ABC!

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VIC 3040 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:48 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our independent ABC in public hands

The ABC is a precious asset for all Australians and should not be privatised. I have used the ABC as my main source of news all my adult life, and in the past whilst overseas on humanitarian emergencies, I have used limited access to the internet to get news about Australia from the ABC. For our future and our childrens future, the ABC must stay in public hands.

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ACT 2612



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:47 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep the ABC out of private hands it must remain as a public broadcaster

Government businesses exist for the social good of the community private business however only exist to make profits they are not interested in the social good of society

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VIC 3103




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:46 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep my ABC out of corporate hands!!!!

The ABC belongs to the Australian people. NOT politicians.
It's history of freedom from corporate influences which is essential for children must not be compromised.
Hands off my ABC!

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NSW 2226 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:46 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

Dear Inquiry,
This is a very important issue for me for many reasons.

- *I grew up in a rural area where all we had was the ABC. I saw how important their programming was to the people on the land and how important adequate public funding is to this institution.
- *My daughter was born at a time when the only children's programming from the commercial channels was cartoons while the ABC were making quality programs like "Playschool". It wasn't about how to make money out of children's time slots, but just about making a quality program that I'm sure we have all trusted our children to watch.
- *I have spent 40 years working in television and I've seen first hand what influences the commercial channels and how we need an impartial, public funded channel like the ABC to be able to hear the facts that aren't swayed by any commercial influence.
- *Four Corners has proved time and time again that they aren't afraid to get to the bottom of the news and they are my most trusted news source. We need to support this kind of investigative journalism that isn't about money and rating, but more importantly finding out the truth. Why does this frighten the Liberal Party Council I wonder?

The ABC and SBS shouldn't be compared to commercial media. It's like comparing apples and oranges. They both have a place in our democracy and one shouldn't be played off against the other. We need our ABC and SBS and Australians will fight very hard to keep them despite what this inquiry decides. We will fight that they have their funding returned and that they exist as they always have done with the funding from the people. It's not up to the Liberal Party Council or this inquiry to make any changes to our ABC or SBS.

Please listen to the Australian people on this one.

Regards,

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NSW 2039



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:44 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP OUR ABC in PUBLIC HANDS

How dare the Liberal Party even consider selling our public broadcaster. The ABC has been the principal TV channel for our family for many years. I have very fond memories of the silence surrounding our home while Dad watched the ABC news. Then there was 4corners watched religiously plus many other programmes.

My own children grew up with Playschool, watching from an early age. Where would we be without so many of those programmes?

The comedy is brilliant and many an acting career commenced with acting on ABC shows.

I love the ABC for its' informative news and current affairs on both Television and radio.

Please spare us from the shock jocks and biased, ultra conservative politics seen and heard on most other broadcasters.

Yours sincerely

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NSW 2431



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:44 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the public broadcaster in public hands

If we are to retain a degree of media balance, diversity and independence we must not allow the privatisation of the ABC!!!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:44 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC stands high on the international scene

Over 30 years working along side ABC colleagues in many departments helped give me an international appreciation of public service broadcasting. Interestingly there was always support for the ABC from International channels even to the point of them being happy to involved in co-productions.

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VIC 3182 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:40 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC must remain publicly owned

The ABC produces important local programs, such as the rural program Landline. These help Australians to understand each other despite distance and differing environments. If it were viable for a commercial company to produce those programs, that would already be happening. The full range of local drama, documentaries and news provided by the ABC is clearly not viable for the current commercial operators, but is necessary for the nation.

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QLD 4121



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:38 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in completely Public Hands!

I cannot fully express what the ABC radio and television stations have meant to me and my family for all my long life. My father introduced me and I am still a daily radio national listener and public TV watcher for the balanced and quality reporting I hear and the superb quality of entertainment offered. It NEVER disappoints. The range and skill of the staff and the adaptability to the audience and the times; is outstanding. I have never known life without my public broadcaster and I don't want to. They are the best and when I look at what commercial broadcasting looks like, they stand out by a very long way for quality and intelligent treatment of material for their audience. Shame on the government to try to make them the same as others. We all know what this is about, they don't want independent broadcasting, they want control over facts and hiding of alternative view points. They want another Liberal Party voice added to the maze of biased broadcast misinformation out there like Rupert Murdoch's. This is about control and media dictatorship and I strongly oppose any move to remove my ability to be informed and entertained truthfully, intelligently and broadly. Period.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:38 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: DO NOT SELL THE ABC

I rely on the ABC for honest newsworthy reporting. I NEVER watch other television stations. ABC news is unbiased and neutral despite being undermined by the liberal government. I cannot believe that it is not valued. ABC is culturally diverse and I will fight with all other Australians who will not let this government destroy a much loved and respected icon

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VIC 3228



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:35 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't touch our ABC!!!

I will certainly not vote for any Government party that pushes to privatise the ABC! Outrageous! The ABC and SBS play a very important role in keeping our politicians honest. Without it we are losing our battle for a democratic society. Shame on the Coalition!! I will not be voting for you at the next election. You are obviously a dishonest party because you are attacking our ABC!!!!

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ACT 2605



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:35 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must never be privatised.

The ABC needs to stay in public hands and be properly funded. It's programming is so much better than anything available on commercial TV, especially now that the latter is full of mind numbing and brainless programs. Most of these programs are staged and require little thought by the average viewer. Any ABC program that ends up on commercial TV is littered with advertisements.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:35 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC. It would be a deathnell to democracy in this country.

I do not want the ABC to be privatised because it is my main source of independent news and information that I can trust, because it isn't dependent on making a financial return. This economic independence is imperative and interconnected to Australia maintaining any sense of true democracy. it is the voice of the people, the public voice. Without it we loose any hope or sense of democracy in this nation. How dare the Liberal Party for even suggesting it be privatised, their self interested agenda for economic gain at any cost disgusts me.

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NSW 2483 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:35 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands!

The ABC is one of our last media bastions putting Australian interests front and centre, providing content for Australians devoid of commercial interest.

Privatising the ABC would only lead to commercial interests being put first, scarring the integrity of the broadcaster and killing it as an embedded institution of taxpayer-funded content for us, paid for by us.

Despite what vocal right-wing radio talkback shows might contend, most Australians don't want another commercial network making content for investors, paid for by advertisers.

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VIC 3081



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:33 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: A publicly funded public broadcaster - aka the ABC

I grew up in rural NSW in the 1950's and 60's. The ABC was always there, radio and TV, part of my background. When I moved to Sydney to study, the ABC went with me. Sydney, Canberra, the bush again and back to Sydney, the ABC was with me, part of my life. Just because I don't agree with everything it broadcasts doesn't mean it is biased. Just because the ACC doesn't agree with everything government (any government) does or says doesn't mean it's biased either. Disagree with what it says if you think it's wrong, but as part of a reasoned discourse, not a diatribe. Leave it to get on with it's job, and fund it properly so that it can do that.

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NSW 2068 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:33 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC free, independent and government funded

Any move to privatise the ABC is a reduction of democracy. We need an independent objective free voice to critique all governments of any ideology and provide a platform for the broad variety of peoples, groups, ideas and opinions. Privatisation can only end badly for this open, pluralistic, multicultural Australian society.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:31 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is and has always been, rooted in the very heart of our tradition, smelted on the bloody cliffs of Gallipoli and smelted on the charnel house that was the Western Front, not beholden to any interests except those of the people whose very stories to which it gave voice- a proud tradition whose soul should not be sold out to any commercial or sectarian or ideological master.

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VIC 3222 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!!!!

I am outraged that the Turnbull Government is trying to privatise our ABC! The ABC and SBS are in a league of their own. The ABC is the only news I trust. It is the only channel I let my kids watch. I think 4 Corners is the BEST and MOST TRUSTED News source. Trying to privatise the ABC makes me believe that our current Government is corrupt to the core and I will not vote for them at the next election if they go ahead with this. Shame!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC a public interest broadcaster!

The “market” has repeatedly failed bro provide unbiased news, education & Australian content in any media except for the ABC. It’s a complete aberration that privatisation of ABC could in anyway be seen as an acceptable liberal public policy. You Wil lose my respect & my vote if this proceeds.
Why” fix” a public broadcaster that is not even broken !!

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NSW 2046 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public hands.

Please do not privatise the ABC. It is essential that we have an unbiased and education commentary on world affairs that is not interrupted every few minutes by advertisements, [REDACTED]

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NSW 2428



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please do not sell the ABC.

I was horrified to hear that this idea was even contemplated, for a large number of reasons which I am having trouble enumerating in such a short time as I now have available.

The idea of there being no publicly-owned broadcaster is appalling. I would want to point to both history and other countries today to illustrate the dangers of having media ownership concentrated in either private or government hands alone.

I do understand that many politicians and businesses do not like to be the focus of journalistic investigation - who would want to be criticised, let alone held to account? But to allow that disinclination to prompt the destruction of balance in reporting would be to place trivial personal preference above the public good. It is observable that the media is dumbing down, because what is commercial and cheap to produce is entertainment, not informative. We in Australia already have enough trouble with weakness in the sciences. Do not make it worse.

Personally, there isn't much that I watch on commercial tv. I don't like advertising breaks, and I want to have the option to control whether and what what advertising children are exposed to.

I also understand that with the rise of what might be called right-wing politics, criticism of the ABC, which provides balancing views, and certainly commercial media uproar, will increase. Loud is not correct.

The ABC has launched lots of successful ideas and programs and actors, and I want that to continue.

The Australian public has spent time, money and effort building up the ABC. I am dead against selling that accumulated tangible and intangible value for what will inevitably be a fraction of its real worth. I am very concerned that -like with other public services or assets which have been privatised, in Australia and overseas- once privatised commercial exigencies see the value depleted, until eventually it's necessary for the government to buy the thing back and pay a mint to rebuild.

I love the ABC and would be very disappointed in anyone involved in reducing Australians' access to free, quality viewing.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:30 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

It would be a national disgrace to sell of the ABC.

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NSW 2029 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:29 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

It's the Australian public's ABC. Back off Liberal Party. The ABC is keeping you honest and accountable.
Are you afraid of scrutiny?

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VIC 3012



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:28 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

It is necessary to have an independent broadcaster free from the influence of people with an agenda the ABC promote programs that have been ground breaking and the news programs have been awarded time and time again 4 corners is a prime example it may get in the face of the government of the day but that is what it is there for .Not only should it not be sold but it should have it's funding increased

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VIC 3925




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:28 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: A Public national broadcaster essential to our democracy

in this time of rapid change we need the ABC. With print media collapsing, more journalists unemployed and solid investigative journalism disappearing our Australian democracy needs a broadcaster which is independent of politics, undertakes credible investigations of subjects not treated in the mainstream media. Our country is becoming more fractured by racism, poverty and other social problems. We need a free broadcaster which caters for both city and country needs. For isolated country people the Abc is the only source of local and regional information. Abc Radio is essential, without the Abc there is no classical music station in the country, no updates on the price of cattle or other rural issues, no health report. ABC drama tackles issues never covered in the mainstream, tv programs on issues such as racism, disability, violence, poverty - the 'unsexy' topics which are so essential to building a national consciousness. We always watch AbC and we always listen to ABC radio. We never watch or listen to commercial stations as The standard of channels 7,9 and 10 is so appalling. Our ABC is internationally regarded as one of the best broadcasters in the world. It builds international understanding and has a public relations function abroad. No private broadcaster could ever fulfil the mandate of the ABC because it's primary goal is profit not the wellbeing of Australia and an informed public debate about issues central to our democracy. It is unthinkable that you would destroy an icon of Australia and a major pillar of our democratic Australia.

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NSW 2068 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:28 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC provides a vital and informed voice in the community. However if you privatize the ABC then you will silence this voice and our vibrant community will be suffer

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QLD 4053



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:27 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Never Privatise our Trusted ABC

To those receiving Submissions re The ABC

Dear Sir/Madams

As a member of the Public who has watched , listened to and enjoyed all my life I am very upset at calls for the ABC to be commercialised.

This is unthinkable as it has always presented the news in a trusted and reliable and unbiased manner.

Programmes such as the 7.30 Report and 4 Corners are instrumental in uncovering and reporting on many subjects that may otherwise never have been uncovered and needed to be revealed to we the Public.

It is a most Valued Institution and needs to remain in Public Hands- and never privatised.

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]

NSW 2156




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't you dare hurt our Aunty! (ABC)

For my entire life I have relied on the ABC for news, sport (including women's sport), entertainment and programs that reflect our Australian culture. I have witnessed the Liberal Party trying to starve it into submission. I have watched as they appointed NewsCorp ex-personnel to executive positions. This is OUR ABC. Our taxes pay for it and we love it and regard it as one of our best cultural institutions. During cyclones in the Far North, it is the voice that helps us through the night - literally. How the Liberal Party even thinks they can "sell it off" without a second thought is beyond me. The ABC should have its independence guaranteed. It should be free from political interference. In our democracy one of the healthiest things is an independent public broadcaster. Murdoch and his right-wing friends in politics hates Aunty because he cannot get his greedy paws on it. We love Aunty because we trust her. We love her children's programs, we love her Australian drama and we love her independent news reporting. (Well, it used to be independent. *sigh*) Don't you DARE sell off one of the best cultural institutions in our country!!!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:26 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

My whole family love the ABC and rarely watch anything else. My 3 year old loves ABC2, my 8 and 10 year olds love ABC3. there are wonderful shows on these channels for children without advertising for unhealthy snacks or toys. My husband and I love the home made dramas such as Mystery road and Harrow and comedy such as the Weekly.

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NSW 2099



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in Public Hands

A public broadcaster is a sign on a democratic country and the ABC is a pillar of our Democracy. It would be a shame to lose this cornerstone of our country and have it replaced by low quality products.

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NSW 2217



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From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatize the ABC

Australia needs an independant reliable broadcaster free from commercial restraints.

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NT 0832 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:24 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Selling off the ABC

I dread to think about an environment where my news and entertainment is provided by the commercial channels. They are clearly incapable of providing content targeted at anyone with a modicum of critical thinking or who wants to be challenged and entertained by the content delivered. Just spend one night watching any of the commercial channels when they are not broadcasting sport and you will see what I mean. Please do not let this happen. Once it is gone there will be no way to get it back no matter how much you wished that you could.

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TAS 7112 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:24 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I strongly feel that a publicly owned ABC is in the best interest of all Australians. I would be very sad to think that a government unhappy with what the ABC is reporting would take the drastic step of selling it off. That makes me think of a place like China or Russia where the press is not truly free. When a media outlet is owned privately, the content can be heavily influenced by it's owner. No need to look any further Murdoch-owned media for examples of that. Please keep the ABC in public hands. We need at least one independent media organisation in this country.

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VIC 3127 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:23 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Like so many Australians, I love the ABC in all its manifestations. It is my trusted source of news and debate. It's commitment to local content and quality programming cannot be matched in the for profit sector. The ABC is a vital part of our democracy. It must stay in public hands

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:23 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC

The ABC has been part my family's life for many years. When my children were small and developing an understanding of who they are as Australians the ABC was the only viewing that had a balance that cut through the commercial station's "cultural imperialism". It was genuinely interested teaching and sharing via quality productions where the principle was not profit. Many years later I continue to turn MY ABC for intelligent debate and balanced argument. It is the only place to see carefully researched, on depth analysis, Australian drama and comedy that reflects our whole culture and god bless them strange and abstract topics that commercial stations won't go near. To lose this would be to lose part of who we are as a nation and we got here. Privatisation by the hard right is more about self protection and buying camouflage from vested interests than preserving, supporting and valuing our national identity and heritage. Don't let this happen, it is too late once it's gone.

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WA 6156 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:23 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP THE ABC AS A PUBLIC BROADCASTER INDEPENDENT OF GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE

All my life I have listened to radio national and at other times 3LO or news radio. I have found the variety, the lack of advertising, intelligence of content and the overall quality of programs make the listening experience second to none.

When living in rural Australia it was the only intelligent radio I could receive and I cannot accept any further reduction in the service provided. While I dont always agree with some presenters and I dont like all programs there is nothing on commercial radio even remotely close to the quality and diversity. It is my will that ALL federal politicians leave the ABC as a public broadcaster AND STOP CUTTING the annual budget.

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VIC 3108 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!


A public, government funded news body is a fundamental part of democracy and liberalism. Taking away this body would be a slide towards further corporatisation in Australia and would only serve to destroy independent media coverage and further promote "fake news". This undermines Australian democracy and our freedom and will further the power of corporations in Australia.

Furthermore, the ABC has been an institution in Australia for an substantial period of time. Removing this body would not only be distressing on practical but moral grounds. It provides strong coverage of issues where other networks only promote "fake news" , commercialism and consumerism.

Lastly, whichever side of the political spectrum you sit on it is clear that the people want the ABC to remain, and as such the government should follow this as is their remit as representatives of the people. The suggestion of the removal of the ABC is a disgusting, abhorrent and frightening overstretch of the Liberal Party and I will not stand for it.

Liberal Party members should be ashamed of themselves and need to drastically check their right wing agenda.

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ACT 2617 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:21 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: THIS IS OUR ABC !!!

It is inconceivable that the Liberal Party has proposed to "privatise" the ABC. It is obvious that Mitch Fifield is in on the charge and believes the ABC as a mouthpiece for the Government of the day - shades of Goebel's in the 1930's - 40's. To even compare the shite dished out by the 3 commercial stations with the ABC is a complete farce. 4 Corners regularly bring major issues to a head - Child Abuse in Churches and Govt entities, the Bank Royal Commission, badly investigated police issues - the list goes on. The Science and Health Reports give real insight to issues facing most Australians. The commercial stations read New Scientist, extract one issue and pretend they have led a discovery which is reported out of context and in all cases I have seen, will have no impact for 5-10 years, but the pretence is the main issue. The constant bombardment of advertising is totally disheartening, even with the better shows. To see the degrading of the ABC since LNP gained office is appalling. The ABC though, has to have a good hard look at itself also. I personally am sick and tired of non-stop references to LGBTQ, Muslim "problems" when we have Sikhs, Hmong, Thai, Viets, Hindus, all getting on with life in Australia and NOT screaming for attention constantly via the ABC.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:21 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Abc gov owned

Please keep it ad free.

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VIC 3437 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:20 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC for our present and future generations

I spent my childhood in regional NSW and western sydney in the 60's and 70's. The ABC provided the only quality and broadcasting for me as a child and teenager.

Now as an adult I watch and listen to ABC news programmes for high quality journalism.


ABC developes content that is valuable. Quality drama that employs local talent.

It should be valued like the BBC in the UK.

It is absolutely appalling that a small group individuals who are obviously influential within the government can decimate and destroy this valued institution.

I for one will fight to keep the ABC for the community. Not a voice for self serving corporations.

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NSW 2768 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:20 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: NO, DO NOT PRIVATISE THE ABC

Please dear Politicians, stand back and assess. The ABC is sacred to Australians. We do not need another privatisation - look at the results of previous privatisations that Australians are paying for. Just because the ABC does not agree with your points of view does not make it biased. It may be that your views are not what Australians want. Already the budget cuts have compromised the ABC but they are soldiering delivering a service that a private operator could never deliver.

STOP NOW! BACK OFF! IF D.T. CAN RESIND HIS MISTAKES YOU CAN TOO!

WITH THANKS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

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VIC 3065 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:20 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

The ABC is the only network that I can turn to knowing that I will see good, solid content. We need programming selected on a basis other than commercial interests. I rely on the ABC for serious journalism, kids shows, quality drama and comedy, not to mention the fact that it fosters and develops new talent.

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VIC 3130 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:19 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Never sell off the ABC please!

We need a strong independent well-resourced national broadcaster. What passes for news these days is ridiculous! News should be evidence and fact based. Corporation-owned media will publish whatever fattens up their bottom line. This is why we need a strong independent ABC. In fact we should pump out such high quality material that Australia becomes known on the world stage for its high quality output, like the BBC.

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VIC 3056 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:19 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Safe guard democracy keep the ABC independent.

The ABC has been my channel of choice due to the nature of the programs and the absence of advertisements.

I am most alarmed at the thought that the ABC will be privatised. This will take away the independence of the ABC. It will become like all the other channels, subject to the interests and whims of share holders and advertising entities.

At a time when democracy itself is under threat and the press is being undermined it is difficult not to see the privatisation of the ABC as government giving into powerful lobby groups, such as commercial outlets and the political opportunism of certain political parties. Please keep the ABC independent. Democracy is worth more than money; we must have a strong independent national broadcaster.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:19 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: We need our ABC to stay non-commercial!

Don't privatise the ABC! We need a well funded public and non-commercial broadcaster in Australia, to offer an alternative to commercial media. We don't need another commercial broadcaster, we need to keep our public broadcaster. Keep it government funded and fund it well.

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VIC 3228 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:16 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

To Whom It May Concern,

I rely heavily on the ABC for detailed information about what is happening in Australia and the rest of the world. It is hard to express my dismay with the private broadcasters and their 'news' which more often than not involves sensationalising issues or passing of complete rubbish (especially if there are indignant citizens) as news. In my opinion the ABC is able to delve into issues of great importance to me, my family, and the whole nation. Furthermore, they do a lot of training of staff, sometimes acting as a feeder for the private broadcasting sphere (not by choice I am sure). Their take up of technology is great and I personally watch many shows and current affairs, not to mention good old Gardening Australia, through Iview and am about to start listening to podcasts. The way private broadcasters structure their advertising makes watching anything on their channels disjointed and difficult to maintain any thread of story. As I gave up trying to find anything of value to watch on these channels long ago, I do not have this trouble (except when watching SBS on Demand where the ads are very intrusive and annoying also - what a shame). My daughter has had the pleasure of watching ABC for Kids and the lack of advertising was the only reason why she was allowed to watch tv at all. Advertising aimed at young people is quite disgusting and the tactics employed devious. She does not watch any private broadcaster for this reason.

I am not a traditional liberal voter, but I like Malcolm Turnbull and wish him well in controlling his party and the ensuring that the ABC stays in Public hands, advertising free. I'd be happy to pay more tax for that!

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QLD 4520



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Submission to keep ABC publicly funded

As a parent, I have observed my children learning much through ABC, both the children's education programs and broader general programs, without the manipulative advertising, including product placements, of commercial programs.. Modern marketing methods in the US which we closely mimic, now openly term the influence of parents on young children as 'purchasing friction', and aim to further seperate parents and children, in these times of technology already breaking down the family social structure...this concerns me greatly as to where we are heading on a broader level.

I think it is so important that we all have access to information without anyone's financial or political interests behind broadcasting, especially news and current affairs. Our democracy is so important in these current and future times, how can we continue evolving as a nation and culture if our knowledge on which we base our opinion is controlled by so few. Let's not become a backward moving embarrassment.

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NSW 2786 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC public

ABC next to SBS is the only trustworthy news source in this country and delivers most of the quality TV programming that isn't intend on dumbing down the population.

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NSW 2035



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC broadcasting public, not privatised!

To whom it may concern,
The ABC and SBS channels are quality public broadcasting at their finest and if/when I watch television they are the first and usually only channels that I watch.
I believe that having public funded channels, free to present content that is not influenced by corporate money is a must for any democratic society.
And shows like Four Corners, and 7:30 have both been incredibly influential in the change they have affected in this country and shaped Australia into a better nation I believe.
We are aware of the potential of censorship and/or content changing if private money came into it.
Please do not think us to be blind to this.
People are free to choose what they watch so "undue advantage" has nothing to do with it... if the quality of ABCs content is better they deserve more viewers!
Perhaps it will put pressure on commercial stations to improve theirs.
Please consider that ABC and SBS provide our family with our news and entertainment and we would be deeply disappointed/turn off the television if they were to be privatised.

Best regards,
[REDACTED] and family

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
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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC

I truly hope that the Lib Nats proceed with this notion of privatising the ABC. This should absolutely turn any swinging voters well away from supporting you. The ABC has been funded by taxpayers money for decades and you will have a hell of a fight on your hands to try to alter that. Privatisation of institutions like this is generally a failure IE Telstra - just stay the hell away from the ABC if you know what is good for you. [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must not be commercialised, and must be properly funded

I listen to/watch the ABC as a trusted, unbiased news source and as a wonderful source of discussion about so many issues that matter. The ABC provides high quality media. It plays an absolutely vital part in Australian democracy. It should not be compared to commercial media outlets - it plays a completely different role: the whole premise of your inquiry is flawed in my respectful view. I'm sure the ABC is the envy of very many democratic movements around the world.

The ABC is an Australian public treasure. It should be funded as such - so that it is able to do its job properly. It becomes more and more important in a world of 'fake news' allegations.

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ACT 2612 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public ownership

I believe ABC is the only source of news and comment not controlled by business interests. It is my major source of information and culture. It provides Australian content in drama and satire. We will be poorer if it is private ownership.

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VIC 3099 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC must remain public

The idea of the ABC being 'just another media company' that can be sold off and work in the free market is completely besides the point of why the ABC exists. The ABC, by design, is a public broadcaster and does not and should not be susceptible to the same forces as others. This allows the ABC to tell stories that are not commercially viable but still of public importance, and also compels it to be a public advocate against the behaviour of powerful entities, immune to threats of market based retaliation, for example providing critical public scrutiny of corporations which commercial networks can't do for fear of losing their advertising revenue stream.

We have plenty of existing commercial media companies - the point of the ABC is that it's different, and broadcasts different media, tells different stories, contributing to a diversity of Australian culture and public debate that would not otherwise be possible in a commercial context, and the Australian public is much, much richer for it.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must remain in public hands

The current legitimacy of journalism is at an all time low. Power, money and influence fall into the hands of a few who manipulate the public with misinformation and lies of omission- if we are to maintain our democracy as a stable functioning device for the benefit of all people we need thruth telling and sense making that is balanced. Our ABC

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VIC 3280




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC

As a 60 plus person the ABC has been part of my education and life. It is not an add on to other commercial stations, it occupies a unique perspective for millions of Australians. It is not yours to give away forever.

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NSW 2486 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Pervert money leading us to oblivion, we need democratic power. The ABC does that.

Turnbull damaged the ABC, WHY? I have listened to the ABC for many decades, I still listen even though the Friday local 7 30 report and it's presenter are gone. The music content is gone. Privatisation would leave very few options open. Do we really need physical force, as the young liberals are showing, to keep our democracy. Do the black shirted liberals believe that we, the people of Australia will not fight back? I'm too old to join in democratic opposition to the Neo Cons but I hope that our democracy will be supported. This revolution against World-wide near fascism domination by money will not stop. Wake up!

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NSW 2038 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC Must Remain Property of the Australian Public

I LOVE the ABC, listening nearly exclusively to ABC radio and watching nearly exclusively ABC and SBS television. They are so amazing in their programming, I cannot imagine my life without them as they are (or could be given more funding). Public Broadcasting is so important to Australian democracy simply because it presents topics and promotes discussion across a range of public interests. The ABC and SBS are indispensable media public broadcasters that counterbalance news and current affair broadcasts from the commercial broadcasters and must remain fully government funded and never privatised. I do not support the privatisation of the ABC or SBS. Ever.

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VIC 3015 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Your hands off our ABC

The ABC provides the only thinking persons independent service - providing in-depth stories of people who wld otherwise be totally forgotten, not to news and current affairs. There are to many programs to list that even UOU would miss.

That any government works even consider selling it is obsurb. The agorance of this government, my government, is beyond belief.

Governments have come and gone and the ABC has seen the many machinations - do get your hands off it. It's ours. It's our money 💰 and not yours.

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NSW 2034



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!!

Please don't privatise our ABC. It is the most important part of our broadcasting landscape. The ABC is where I turn to for in-depth analysis of many subjects as it offers a diversity that no other commercial channel can compete with (and let's face it, the other channels are rubbish). The ABC may upset the government of the day but it is exactly this forthright reporting that gives us a strong democracy. Without it the ABC will become a mouthpiece for private interest and that will not serve Australia well.

Regards,
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VIC 3134



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

We need to keep unbiased reporting

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NSW 2488




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off Aunty

Dear Polies,I love the ABC it is the best of Television and Radio that we have in Australia.Th most unbiased ,fair and informative news,views,shows,presenters etc. I am a huge fan of the ABC and so disappointed that the young Liberals are so far right wing (Sell ABC and Jerusalem Embassy.)The ABC is my most watched a and listened to station.Sell the ABC and it is the end of the real free press in this country.This will cost the Liberal Party votes keep damaging the ABC at your Peril .Huge Fan of Aunty ,one of Millions in Australia.thankyou [REDACTED]

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VIC 3099 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public hands

The ABC gives a balanced and subjective coverage of news, both local, national and international.
The Australian public needs a broadcaster that gives the facts and doesn't pedal fear in order to control them.

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VIC 3688




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in Public hands

The only TV station my child has watched is ABC. This was a choice I made because I felt the programmes were age appropriate, of a high standard and included good Australian made content. I do not wish for my child to be bombarded with commercials – particularly when she was a pre-schooler and could not yet identify a commercial as such. If there is no public television my family will not watch television at all. The programming decisions are obviously different on Public television and we have had access to many shows (both entertaining and educational) that would not have been available on commercial stations. Local people discussing local issues for the sake of informing as opposed to increasing ratings – big difference right there.

I think it's important to have access to content that has not been made to win a ratings war, but rather made to be of interest for its own merits.

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NSW 2047 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

The ABC is a trust source of high quality independent journalism. It is vital for a democratic society to have a non-commercial news and current affairs broadcaster. I believe that many many Australians with a range of different political views highly value the ABC. It is essential that we keep our public broadcaster as independent and publicly owned.

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NSW 2038 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

Privatised TV and radio are driven by the advertising dollar.

Ratings determine where the advertising will go and what will be delivered. This is unethical. Education in its broadest sense, and expanding people's horizons should come into the program mix somewhere. Values other than money are involved in ABC's program selection. Do we really want the pursuit of money to educate our children and rule our society?

We have had a public broadcaster and benefitted as a society from it. Where's the sense in throwing it away. For what? It would be a retrograde step in the development of a just, rational and fair society.

As for our children and theirs, and speaking as a grandparent, I cannot bear to see a future for them without a public broadcaster. It would be a devastating and irredeemable blow to the future of our nation.

My family and I all believe in a fair minded and actively engaged population, who deserve better than the offerings of the private sector where it appears that lowest common denominator wins the day. Innovation, high quality local programs and encouraging creative arts and debate - where would these be without the ABC?

My family and I shall without doubt make our strong feelings known at the ballot box by voting against any party who privatise the ABC.

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QLD 4017




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Not yours to sell

The abc is not the governments/liberal party's to sell. It belongs to the people of Australia, not the government of the day. Privatisation does not work as has been shown repeatedly by various governments selling power companies, banks etc. let alone in the media where an independent voice is necessary. The crap pushed by the other networks is embarrassing trash in general, quality is not high on their agenda. Not yours to sell

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VIC 3450 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:59 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern

I am deeply distressed to hear that the Liberal Party Council voted to privatise the ABC.

The ABC is one of the most trusted news sources we have.

In my opinion those 'commercial' news programs and papers are heavily biased and influenced by the owners of that media outlet.

The ABC being in public ownership can maintain its independence and provide quality reporting and programs.

Commercialising the ABC would simply drag it down to the "poor" quality of all the other commercialised media outlets and potentially become biased in its reporting to satisfy its commercial investors.

The ABC is highly regarded not only in Australia but also by many other people and countries throughout the world.

Let me assure you if this gathers any momentum I and all those that I can convince in my sphere of existence will take all measures to show our disapproval and will fight this tooth and nail.

Regards

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NSW 2230 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:58 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC

To the Australian Government

As far as I and many other Australians are concerned, the ABC is a source of pride and pleasure because it provides quality political, cultural and social programs in both television and radio and on online that are generally free from political or commercial interference.

I could not forgive a government that privatizes the ABC or put it in such a parlous financial position that it could no longer produce quality programs.

Therefore, please don't even think about privatising our ABC! Instead, give it back the funding that you have taken off it and stop the petty criticisms!

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NSW 2067



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

It was very alarming to hear that last weekend, the Liberal Party Council voted overwhelmingly to privatise the ABC. I am outraged at this vote by this body of hard right stalwarts and Eric Abetz's comments that "the market" could take care of commercialising the ABC.

One Nation's proposal for a dodgy inquiry into whether our public broadcasters have an "advantage" over commercial outlets is utterly contemptuous. It greatly concerns me that the Hard Right will try to hijack the inquiry to push their ABC privatisation agenda.


This inquiry could legitimise the Hard Right assault on the ABC, and give the Turnbull Government the excuse it's needs to push deeper cuts and fundamental changes to the ABC's mission. This needs to not happen!!

The ABC is my lifeline and the lifeline for man I know. We value and trust the programs and high-grade reporting on the ABC. There is no question about it, it must stay in public hands. It must never be privatised.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC

I spent a number of years working overseas and each night I relied upon the ABC for news and information about Australia. It gave me a living link to the events that were happening in the cities I used to live in (and have returned to, with a sense of place intact). Having an unbiased source of information is vital for a democratic nation. To lose this would be to mortgage the country to a current ideal which may well change in the future and possibly do just as much damage as the privatisation of the banking sector and the introduction of fees for tertiary education have done. We are well on our way to destroying the great opportunity this country had to present the world with a young nation demonstrating a viable way of life for all. Privatising the ABC would be another big step along this disastrous path.

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SA 5161 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:56 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Preserving the independence of the ABC

I am writing to express my deep concern about efforts to undermine the independence of the ABC and by implication to threaten its funding base.
The ABC is one of Australia's most precious institutions. For decades it has maintained public debate about important issues, provided current affairs and news programs of the highest quality and contributed a great deal to Australian culture through its drama, current affairs and other programs. It is one of our most cherished and valued institutions. It would be an act of the most extreme vandalism to undermine it further

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NSW 2060 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:55 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public owned!

I've been watching the ABC for as long as I can remember. It was Channel 2 back in the 1980s when I grew up with Play School and Sesame Street. They taught me education and life lessons. Through the 90s I watched dramas and comedies aimed that teenagers and young adults. I still remember the family sitting down the watch The Bill and Police Rescue and The Games and Absolutely Fabulous. Into the 2000s they still provided the same quality programs that informed and entertained. Spicks'n'Specs, 4 Corners and Kath & Kim. Into the 20teens, ABC2 keeps my daughter entertained in the day and me entertained in the evening. Not to mention the many many hours of podcasts that entertain my daytime drives. The ABC is not for the LNP/IPA to sell. It's cultural significance is worth more than any dollar amount.

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NSW 2756



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:54 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC Needs to stay in Public Hands

The so-called 'necessity' to place the ABC in private hands has been raised again and again, possibly by people with less than altruistic motives. Such a massive change may indeed be regretted by Australians in future, as we see with privatising of power, banks, transport, etc.

I have to confess that I don't begrudge my 2-3 cent per day 'tax burden ' to the ABC, and to all the tightwad 'privateers' who do resent this 'tax' I say be careful what you wish for.....!

We see by way of evidence that private is NOT necessarily better in the fiasco given to us by Optus with 'coverage' of the World Cup. How ironic that SBS has been called in to placate many angry soccer fans who may now be deeply concerned about further budget cuts to 'Aunty ABC', let alone any privatising.

Another ironic point: despite the many accusations of 'left-wing bias' in the ABC all reputable studies show a consistent right of centre line.... But never let a fact get in way of hard right zealots.

Visitors to Australia usually praise our public broadcaster, contrasting it favourably with their own networks. And yes -including folks from the UK and the iconic BBC!

Privatise? No, no,no!

Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]

SA 5159



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:54 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep OUR ABC in public hands!

The ABC is the only trusted news source. It may occasionally hold the government to account (on behalf of the people) but that is what makes a strong democracy. Do not compare our ABC and SBS with commercial networks. They each have their place. Public broadcasting is irreplaceable and must not be touched. It is the part of my taxes that I am very happy to give.

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ACT 2615



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:54 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC, a national assett.

The ABC provides a public service to Australian and international listeners at least commensurate with it's cost. For this reason alone ownership must be kept in public hands.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:53 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

For a democratic country to exist the judiciary needs to be independent. So too the media needs to be independent. Ideally the media should be independent of wealth. The privatised media can be used by the wealthy owners for misinformation. There is risk of media lobbying of politicians for outcomes that serve the financial interests and/or ideology of the owners. An independent ABC that can be critical, supportive, or just informative of issues, increases the chance of truth being available for me!

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NSW 2550



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:53 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our National Broadcaster must stay in Public Hands

The ABC has for years provided our family with the best investigative journalism and programming in this country. It has been the most reliable news source and in our minds the go to station for reporting the important issues facing all Australians.

We are all concerned by the attack on our national broadcaster by the few loud voices who we can only believe are afraid of honest and intelligent journalism and questioning of The Government's motives. This bludgeoning of an irreplaceable news and current affairs source has to stop.

The coalition's attack on the ABC combined with the funding cuts undermines the important and irreplaceable role our ABC has in our democracy. The ABC shouldn't be compared with commercial media and should never be privatised.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC belongs to the Australian Public - It is not the Governments to sell

To the Enquiry into ABC privatisation:

Please be aware of the very strong sentiment in the community against the idea placing the ABC in private hands. The ABC is a lifeline in providing objective news and current affairs in a sea of non-news and advertorials parading as current affairs, as well as a platform for programmes which may not be funded in a commercial environment, but have merit and are valuable to the public as well as providing employment for many talented Australians. Please try to understand that as tax-paying members of the public, most of us are tired and dismayed at constantly seeing OUR assets stripped away by Government at all levels, sold for what is often less than their true value, and seeing no evidence of the proceeds being wisely spent or invested, and in many cases apparently then subsidising the new owners of our assets! What guarantee is there that services will be provided to rural areas when a private owner deems them not profitable enough? We already see lack of service in rural areas with Telecom and other public assets sold off.

It would seem that part of this push by Government is reaction to what they percieve as criticism from the ABC - if that's the case and they don't like it, surely the appropriate response is to address the issues. To shut down a public braodcaster to avoid critiscism/opposition is something that happens in a dictatorship or totalitarian regime - not a functioning democracy.

Please don't recomend the privatisation of our ABC.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NSW 2153




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

ABC is the only station I watch and I do not want to see the quality programming jeopardised by commercial and capitalist ownership. It is a station that represents Australians who care about education, integrity and the welfare of others, not their wallets!

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NSW 2027 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:50 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't change the ABC

My wife and I watch ABC TV for a minimum of 50% of our tv viewing and exclusively on radio. We enjoy the programming and continuity of viewing without advertisements. Please don't interfere with ABC's structure.

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QLD 4017 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:49 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC

Please leave the ABC in public ownership. It's the number one media that I trust more than the others.

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VIC 3805 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:49 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Australia needs its public broadcaster

The ABC is the only Australian institution which unites Australia. I am a city dweller and I could easily think that rural dwellers are less educated/red-necked/whatever if it wasn't for the ABC with such programs as once were as Bush Telegraph. I was so inspired to 'meet' creative and inspirational people through that radio program. Through another program: 'Off Track' I can listen to the sounds of birds, lizards and frogs (What commercial enterprise would see the value in that?) In other OT programs I can learn about Aboriginal culture; I can learn about the decision of a years ago (state Labor) government to remove a housing estate to save penguins. Overall I can turn on the radio at any time to listen to something interesting: sometimes something I know/knew nothing about. There are truly wonderful programs about music or science so many things which I have no background in. I can listen to interviews with really interesting people whom I might never have heard of before. Most importantly, through the ABC, I learn of injustices whether it be about the banks or the environment or whatever else, I know that the ABC is keeping an eye on things. It doesn't matter whether I'm educated or not, the ABC addresses me as a worthwhile individual. No other broadcast media in Australia does that.

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VIC 3071




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:48 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

I have watched and listened to the ABC for 55 years. It is a credible and trustworthy source of news. It makes an effort to give all voices a say. It provides an intellectual rigour that the commercial media dose not. I fear that a media landscape without a government broadcaster would be more shallow and polarised.

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QLD 4670 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:47 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: First the ABC, then public freedom of speech: where to then??!

To privatise the ABC, and therefore place it at the mercy of vested interests, would be a travesty of justice. It is only the ABC that stands up for the rights of all; and brings the corrupt and morally reprehensible behaviour of the wealthy and powerful minority into the light of day. This minority is hellbent on silencing all of it's opponents that remain in Australia; they can then carry on with their destructive and corrupt behaviour, without censure. The ABC and all that it represents, stands in their way: they will stop at nothing therefore, to remove, or subjugate it. As we have a corrupt Federal government that is in cahoots with this minority, the origins of the current dilemma facing the ABC are all too transparent: appallingly so!

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VIC 3463 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:46 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our public broadcaster - a privatised one is not one.

A public broadcaster fulfils a role that privatised media cannot. Privatising a public broadcaster actually means getting rid of it entirely. A public broadcaster is essential to a healthy democracy because the profit motive can encourage distortions in reporting by sensationalising or trivialising news and public issues. The desire for ratings or click-bait does not serve the public good. As an example consider the need for accuracy and not sensationalism in reporting on disaster situations or war. But matters less dire are important too like the ABC's role in education, health and politics - where a private agenda could be used to influence public perception on all sorts of issues. People may fear the ABC is biased but like our public service it's charter stands to protect us in a way that a privatised organisation could not. Also the role of representing and broadcasting for minorities in a pluralistic society is essential to maintain a cohesive society. There is more at stake here than simply getting a cheaper deal. Much more. I think we are forgetting what an important thing a public broadcaster is.

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QLD 4552




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:46 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Let's support Australia. Let's support the ABC

It is more important to myself, my family and I believe the public of Australia to have access to unbiased media and news than the interests of commercial and corporate profits. Please see reason and know that the ABC is vital in properly informing and educating all peoples living in Australia, no matter what age or race. The ABC should be allowed to continue it's great work in supporting all of us. Let's thank and continue to support the ABC for all of there terrific work.

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SA 5159 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:46 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I strongly object to your proposal to privatise our public broadcaster - this is outrageous. It is critical to have a media outlet that has no corporate ownership steering it. I am shocked that you would even suggest this.

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NSW 2096




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:44 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

The ABC is an important institution that makes content for Australian people without concern for profit, which is unusual in the contemporary media landscape. This means there is content for less advantaged Australians and from different points of view that are not covered by other mainstream media. Please do not privatise this historic and iconic institution.

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NSW 2223 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:44 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public Hands

The ABC is a core part of my life. I wake up to ABC Breakfast every morning and listen to LNL most evenings. In between I gorge on the treasures on the brilliant Listen app. Treasures such as In Conversation, The Religion Report, The Science Show, The Law Report, Blueprint for Living, Background Briefing and many, many more. My world is constantly expanded and enriched by the both the breadth and depth of Radio National's coverage. ABC and SBS current affairs is the only authoritative and independent news coverage and analysis in this country. Where else would you find a 4 Corners, an AM or PM, or a Lateline (before it was shut down by current management) in the commercial media?

Private media ownership in this country has failed. Consider the 'Cash for comments' scandal, the regularity of the exposures of links between presenters on commercial media and private vested interests, the 'cat up a tree' standard of current affairs coverage. Commercial television and radio are tightly controlled by private corporate interests, and produce junk. Were it not for the ABC this is all we would have; that is an unthinkable proposition.

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

I am deeply concerned at the constant attacks on the ABC by the Federal Government and the motion to privatise the ABC passed by the Liberal Party's federal council. This must never happen. The real purpose of this inquiry seems to be to further intimidate the ABC to deter it from running any critical coverage of the Coalition during the election campaign. This is Orwellian; we are not North Korea yet.

I ask you to understand and support the key role that independent public broadcasting plays in this country.

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VIC 3057




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:43 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save the ABC

The ABC is a vital community asset. It is beyond the market. It is a foundation of democracy. Australians need the ABC to be one of the few, unconflicted and reliable sources of information. The options for 'real news' are shrinking and over the last decade or so I have lost complete faith in the commercial sector of both TV and paper journalism. I love the ABC. My kids love the ABC and my parents love the ABC. The Turnbull Government would risk a great deal if they proceed with privatisation. I would never, ever vote for a party that killed the ABC. They would suffer my scorn for a lifetime. Why can't they stay focused on important policy issues that need intervention. Leave the ABC alone - or even better - restore the funding to levels where it can deliver even better content.

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QLD 4103 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:42 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: A publicly funded ABC for all Australians.

I am writing to express my support for the ABC and to ask that it not be privatised. The public broadcaster is what keeps our democracy strong by providing unbiased reporting on political matters. The private for-profit broadcasters are not able to do this as the need for advertising means only popular programs are broadcast. The ABC charter means the reporting must be unbiased and reporters must not express a personal opinion. A second reason and even more important reason is that the public broadcaster gives the viewers a sense of identity, of what it is to be Australian. It does this through commissioning Australian drama, such as the current *Mystery Road*. This program is powerful drama that shows Aboriginal people in powerful roles and so helps create greater harmony in the broader community. The ABC has programs on country life, the sciences, technology, the arts and music, and includes podcasts from the wide range of Australian voices and cultures and in this way helps make the listener/viewer proud to be part of a multicultural and diverse Australia. Very few of these programs would be funded if the broadcaster was in private hands and needed to make a profit.

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SA 5062 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:41 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: do not privatise the ABC

The ABC is the only TV and RADIO stations we listen to because it keeps us up to date with adult news delivered in a rational way and other programs worthy programs to watch and listen to without all the hype and glamour advertising of commercial stations.

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WA 6210 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:40 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC Hand off

We do not make success of privatising our important cultural assets we have seen the prices rise and the costs escalate so know we want the Abc to reflect us uniquely as the Australian Nation not a commercial spin doctor who will do the owners bidding or worse still the governments.Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:40 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC should not be privatised nor have any provisions for anyone to dictate the direction or content of its news and journalism. It needs to remain in the hands of all Australians and strive to provide honest, unbiased and critical journalism of all sides of the political and social spectrum.

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QLD 4817 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:40 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatisation unbiased! are you serious!

The idea that a privatised FOR profit ABC would be unbiased is laughable; not only ridiculous but undemocratic. I rely on the ABC, have done for 60 years and am smart enough to withstand bias. There's nothing to fear! LEAVE OUR ABC ALONE

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VIC 3018 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:40 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Its my ABC, its everyone's ABC ... It belongs to All Australians!

Yes, you read right, the ABC and SBS belong to all Australians, and it irks me no end that politicians who don't like the kinds of stories that are published about them are busy finding ways of killing it off. No other station put on the kinds of Australia drama that kept families watching together on weekends. Think Sea Change, Bed of Roses, Brides of Christ, Police Rescue, Janet King, Dr Blake's Mysteries, Miss Fisher, and so so many more! Once you have stopped the nonsense of selling it off, perhaps you might like to take a serious look at funding it properly?

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NSW 2340 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:40 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The argument is simple - the ABC is free at the point of access and has excellent viewing. Commercial/private TV is boring and expensive. Don't get rid of the ABC just because they are willing to be critical of government!

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VIC 3056




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:39 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public Hands

The ABC should not be privatised. There is no mandate for this. We have all seen how unsuccessful this has been over the years. One only needs to look at the banks, health funds, and Telecommunications (Telstra).

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NSW 2763 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:39 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC is the ONLY free-to-air channel that has any DEPTH of discussion about topics which concern citizens. The government MUST continue to provide the ABC rather than allow private companies to sway content through the power of money. Liberal senators seems to believe the ABC is biased...however...stories are fact-checked - so if you don't like the picture, stop looking in the mirror, or change the actions being discussed. The ALP is ALSO scrutinized.

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SA 5008 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:39 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save the ABC

The ABC provides totally impartial, cerebral and informative coverage of local and international events. Defensiveness of the current federal government says a lot more about their paranoia than it does about the abc.

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VIC 3930 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:38 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please don't privatise the ABC !!

Myself and my family grew up with the ABC being the most trusted reliable and informative media source in this country. The ABC must never be privatised as then there will be no independent unbiased media outlet. It is impossible for it not to be influenced and pressured if corporations and businesses were allowed to advertise on it. Don't stuff with the ABC leave it alone to serve a critical service in Australia please !!!!!

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VIC 3095




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:38 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please don't privatise or defund ABC

The ABC is the most important media organisation in Australia. It is truly independent because it is owned by no-one, just the people of Australia who fund it. As a service organisation rather than a for-profit organisation it does not have to toe an owner's views. It is so important for all ordinary Australians particularly country Australians who love it to bits. 80% of Australians have confidence in it and would be appalled at its sale. No other media organisation has anywhere near this approval figure. If the ABC is for sale it means the government is for sale. It's sale would greatly diminish our independent and free society.

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VIC 3385 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:35 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must remain in the hands of the public

The ABC is my most trusted source of information and news. The programs have credibility e.g John Fayne radio program, ABC TV breakfast show. In a civilised country it is the people's right and a vital part of our society to have an Independent media source. Commercial media has its place but cannot be the only media platform. The ABC must not be privatised.

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VIC 3123 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:35 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: You have GOT to be kidding!

So the ugly side of conservative politics again raises its head to menace the body public, this time over the privatisation of the ABC. Over my and a few more, I expect , dead bodies! And the fact that this has been past by the Party Council, but denied by the government means nothing. Of course they will quieten the issue down before an election later in the year.....then, if returned, goodbye Aunty. The stronger the denial, the greater the risk of it occurring. This government has form.

Hands off the ABC , my ABC. Honestly, even Bob Menzies would roll in his grave!

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NSW 2537




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:34 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our National Treasure in public hands!

The ABC is a national treasure, it produces infomative news, current affairs, art and drama programs with Australian Content. Have you watch commercial tv? Advertising interspersed with a small about of absolute rubbish passed off as programming. Do we want our national broadcaster to go down that path? No! We need an impartial broadcaster with morals that can't be bought and paid for! Hand off our ABC!

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NSW 2151 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:32 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

ABC is part of everyday life in my family, from children's programs, through radio on the way to work, to news and entertainment. It is my deeply felt opinion that each country needs an independent, publicly funded media, so that people have one more way of gaining independent, educated perspective on news events and can remain well informed. This is essential for keeping government accountable to its people.

It is also understandable that such media, by the very status of independence, might be inconvenient for the government. But this is exactly why it should be kept, well funded, and protected. The small inconvenience suffered today might provide one of the only means of being heard and included in the important debate and governmental oversight tomorrow.

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. The role of public broadcasting is different than that of commercial media, and as such it should not be compared to commercial media. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and it cannot be removed without democracy suffering itself. It is our broadcasting and YOUR responsibility to preserve it.

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QLD 4101 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:32 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: DISASTER to privatise our ABC !

Maintain our proud heritage of ABC as PUBLIC Broadcaster

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NSW 2036



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:32 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The Australian public deserve to able to have a medium for creative self expression free from one sided opinions and selfish agendas of the 1%.

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SA 5173




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:32 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keepthe ABC in public hands

If the ABC is privatised, a world of independent information and news as well as a body of art, documentaries, comedies would be lost to us. the ABC has always been the place we go to for real, independent News and commentary. I have always looked to the ABC to take a hard look at what is going on in this country and telling the truth about things that have been covered up. Without it, we would be a more ignorant country.

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VIC 3820 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:31 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

please don't privatise the ABC! we need media that is free from making decisions that (1) please the ratings (2) that bring in the most profit because the media that comes from sources like this, like commercial stations, sensationalise to get an audience, they cannot be trusted to bring impartial media that is honest. the news will be sensationalised, the current affairs will be going for the most ratings not reporting on what is important for democracy. it is very important for democracy that the bottom line isn't about profit because that will bias everything! the music a privatised ABC will play will be the same popular commercial [REDACTED] that has no substance and moreover they will stop playing the song before it finishes to cut in with a song or ad they played 15 mins or 2 minutes ago respectively. this is not a good move for the Australian music industry! and it's a disgusting move for our democracy. you have got the wrong foundation. the market, or capitalism ONLY works as it should when both parties have 100% of the information. privatising the public broadcaster will reduce the information out there to only the information that will bring in the most profit, this is despicable! you aren't here to further democracy or to do what is right for the democratic country of Australia, you are just there for the personal wealth and glory the job comes with. if Australia needs money so much, then stop paying yourself so much and stop continually giving yourself a pay rise, you are greedy nothing more, certainly not a wise man, you are very short sighted and just after a quick buck. you are disgusting, resign

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VIC 3796 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:31 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: For the toddlers! We need our ABC!

Who will speak for the toddlers? This submission is on behalf of my two-and-a-half year old daughter, Beatrix, and her many little friends who love ABC Kids. As a parent, I am forced into constantly making choices about what she will eat, wear, do, and watch. ABC Kids is the most incredible resource. There must be some seriously talented and thoughtful people curating this station and its online streaming and app services! Congratulations to them. The content is educational, non-violent, and tends to avoid the worst of the violence or sexist pink-pony-princess guff I see whenever the TV manages to be switched to some commercial kids' TV. In short, the commercial stuff is awful. How can a commercial operator be trusted with the minds of our kids, judging by the current content they show? ABC Kids means I don't need to choose every 10 minutes what is good for my toddler. Their team has chosen the content so well that I completely trust it. In addition, there are no ads for horrendous plastic toys manufactured under questionable circumstances! Commercial operators are there to make money, which means they show commercials to children, and show content which demonstrates terrible values. This demographic must be considered by the inquiry as these toddlers are the future of our nation. Every time I hear my 2.5 year old daughter asking for her "journal", like Peter Rabbit, or wanting to eat carrots, it makes me smile! She loves her ABC and we need to keep it in public hands for her, and her friends!

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NSW 2068 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:31 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

In simple terms so you can understand.... If you privatise our public broadcaster I will never vote for you again

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SA 5046



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC

The ABC is a very important institution in Australia. It offers high quality news & current affairs, along with some truly unique shows such as Gruen Transfer that would never be shown on a commercial channel. I am concerned by the escalation of attacks on the ABC by certain elements in the Liberal Party and that this inquiry is aimed at undermining the ABC.

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NSW 2204




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC needs to remain publicly funded

It is indisputable that who pays the piper calls the tune. In a liberal democracy it is inevitable that private interests will control media and influence the contents of those

It is therefore vital that these interests are balanced by media which is accountable to and thereby reflects the views of the community. This is only possible through publicly funded media

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NSW 2037 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC

We love our ABC the way it is!

- We love the quality independent journalism on programs such as 4 corners and the 7:30 report.
- We love the comedy and satire which fearlessly criticises government.
- We love the kids programming and documentaries.


The ABC protects our democracy by providing independent and unbiased critiques of government behaviour.

A government which attacks the ABC is a government that can't tolerate criticism. That is what Vladimir Putin does.

We want to see the ABC's funding restored, and it's independence respected.
When media freedom is threatened, democracy is threatened.

Leave the ABC alone!

Yours sincerely,
[REDACTED] (Brisbane, QLD)

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[REDACTED]
QLD 4306 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:29 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Absolutely no, you will not privatise the ABC

I, who would never take part in a public demonstration and hardly ever write stuff like this would certainly do so if there was any attempt to privatise the ABC. While we are at it , how about giving them a funding increase so that they can conti nue and expand the excellent job they do in providing us, the public, with a reliable and accurate news source. Just because politicians would like to not have the criticism that they sometimes get, it is just so much the wrong thing to do.

Look at the US, you are wanting to do much the same as the administration there in limiting criticism or simply disagreement.

Its wrong.

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VIC 3898 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:29 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC in public hands

I came to Australia in 1960. Since that Time, I have been a listener to the ABC, have loved the , have improved my English. I came from Germany, and to this day I Am convinced that the ABC kms one of the best broadcasters in the World. I have voted Liberal, also labor, but if the person t government privatises the ABC, I will never again vote for the Liberal Part

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NSW 2041 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:29 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: SAVE THE ABC

THE ABC IS FUNDED BY TAXPAYERS AS A PUBLIC BROADCASTER.IT IS THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.
ALL OTHER NETWORKS REPRESENT THE VIEWS OF THEIR CORPORATE OWNERS.
THE ABC SHOULD REMAIN IN THE HANDS OF THE TAXPAYERS.

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Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:29 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!!

The ABC (along with SBS) is the most trusted news source in Australia . I rely on it for investigative journalism that delves deeper than today's sound bite or fad. It can only provide this important public service if it is not owned by a private entity or mogul with a personal view to push. I am saddened by the constant criticism the ABC has been subjected to in recent years, and am certain that vested interests are behind these criticisms. Those who accuse the ABC of 'bias' are themselves pushing an ideology or attempting to reduce competition. The fourth estate is vital for a functioning democracy and the ABC is our only chance for this! If the ABC goes, so does democracy.

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