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Submission to the Review of Australian Broadcasting Services in the Asia Pacific

Dear Sir/Madam


I support the revitalization of ABC's media services in Asia Pacific.

I think it is important that the Review recommend the reinstatement of full ABC Asia Pacific broadcasting with a new model of stronger partnerships between Australia and the region.

The ABC's international services in the past have made a very positive impact particularly in relaying news to people in the rural and remote areas of countries like Papua New Guinea. In particular in these areas, short wave radio services are invaluable as digital and on-line services are beyond their reach. The short wave radio service enables the vast majority of people who live in these remote areas to know what is happening in their own country as much as in other parts of the world.

As well, the ABCs presence has played a crucial role in supporting local media services in promoting debate in the country and given local journalists the opportunity to air important but difficult topics and promote a greater transparency in public affairs.

Signed



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