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Hi

I am totally over public institutions serving the good of the whole community being subjected to the self interests of the private sector, whose primary purpose is to make profits for (usually) wealthy, privileged individuals.

The contribution made to the community can be measured by the quality of the ABC programming compared to the commercial stations. There is a much higher level of political discussion and debate, much, much higher quality of reporting (though this has suffered from the 'thousand cuts'), much more creative innovation in programs and a much higher level contribution to the culture of our country.

Rather than this being an argument for unfair competitive advantage, it is an argument that apparently capitalism cannot produce the quality that collective public organisations can. The latter should be rewarded, not punished (and as a result the community punished) for not sinking to the poor level of commercial stations.

I have experienced first hand the quality of broadcasting in the USA, where these corrupt idea of subverting public interest to the private interests of corporations is rampant, and it is a disaster for the community. We need to be much more independent minded than them.

Thank you. Yours sincerely

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