

# Inquiry into the competitive neutrality of Australia’s national broadcasters

## Submission – Stirling Warren (21 June 2018)

### Question 8: Considering the commercial activities of the national broadcasters (e.g. where they are selling or purchasing goods and services), is there evidence that they have taken undue advantage of their government ownership, to the detriment of competitive outcomes?

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### Question 9: What is the differential impact of regulation on commercial and national broadcasters, and is there evidence of consequent adverse impacts on competition and outcomes?

### The public deserve a full range of opinion and dialogue on all topics if interest. Without the even spread of the ABC the table is clearly balanced to the right by news and current affairs agenda dominated by the commercial interests of the murdoch press and tv empires. The government are clearly working at the behest of Murdoch to progressively hobble ABC. I will suplort anyone eho supports the ABC and its independance.

### Question 10: Is the reporting and accountability by the national broadcasters on their best endeavours to observe competitive neutrality adequate?

### Undoubtedly

### Question 11: Are you aware of any specific instances where the ABC or SBS may have received any other competitive advantage, due to their public ownership, to the detriment of a private competitor?

### The ABC and SBS deserve every advantage under the hobbling control being applied by the current govt.

### Question 12: The SBS Charter requires it to take into account the activities of the ABC and community television on radio and television. In the context of the competitive neutrality principles how in your view, is the SBS complying with this requirement? From your perspective does it adequately cover the activities of the SBS?

### They provide an excellent service on a shoestring budget designed to stop them from giving any better service. There is no valid competitor

### Question 13: From your perspective do the national broadcasters seek a balance between competing in the market and complementing the market? Is that balance the same for traditional broadcasting and for new digital platforms?

### Yes. There is no competition for their services

### Question 14: Do you have comment on these guiding principles?

### Free the ABC and SBS and fund them properly. They used to do better