

Dear Sir,

I am protesting at the closing of the Natural History Unit of the ABC and also against the TV documentary and drama programs that have now been outsourced, I understand that the ABC now plans to sack program-makers and outsource more television production to the private sector.

As well as all that the ABC management plans to axe *The New Inventors* and 'rest' the *Collectors* program are totally outrageous as is the axeing of *Art Nation* (the only ABC TV arts magazine program). I understand that the TV arts unit is now to be disbanded.

To do all this will seriously diminish the ABC and is an act of cultural desecration.

As the ABC is an archivist of important Australian artistic achievements.

I understand also that the ABC plans to close TV production units altogether in some states.

If all this is done in the name of the economic benefits to taxpayers it will mean they are being shortchanged

as the ABC will no longer be representing the citizens of Australia.

This is because the outsourced programs will end up being made by the same companies that make commercial television.

It can only mean that commercial sales are the goal.

The ABC it is meant to be for the whole community and not just for commercialisation.

As well the ABC will cease being an innovator and producer of diverse programs of cultural creativity and value. if the programs are outsourced.

Any changes to Radio Arts is to be deplored as well.

Rather than taking this road the ABC should be properly encouraged by further funding from the Federal Government.

The ABC is a beacon for the whole of society and should be viewed as such by the Federal Government.

We are very fortunate to have such an entity in our society.

The ABC is one of the entities that allow Australia to be a democratic society.

Yours Faithfully

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