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Senate Inquiry Committee

**Inquiry: Recent ABC programming decisions**

Dear Sir,

I am a long term viewer of the ABC and two of my favourite TV shows across all TV channels are the New Inventors and the Collectors.

The New Inventors is a show of optimism showing the initiative of Australians to be world leaders and I believe that we need to showcase this to all Australians as a form of encouragement that we are a gifted nation and second to none in the formation and development of new ideas.

The Collectors is a nice clean family style of show which showcases an interest that appeals to an amazing number of Australians and is an encouragement to all Australians to value their Heritage. Often I am surprised at the types of things people go about and collect but more surprised at the reason which is often about protecting some part of Australian history, not for their own benefit but for future generations of Australians which is a building block for the building of a proud nation.

Please maintain the necessary funding to maintain the production of these two programs that are an essential element in making all Australians realise what a great past we do have and what a bright future goes before us.

Thank you

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