

I have been a staunch fan of the ABC for 50 years. I rarely watch any commercial channels on the TV, I never listen to any of the shock jocks on the radio. I strongly oppose any commercialization of the ABC. The ABC's independence from commercial interests should be maintained. A significant quality of the reporting of the ABC is encouraging opposing view. It is the best source of current news and issues. One only has to look at Murdoch's Fox news to experience a real "dumbing" down and bias of news reporting. Let's not take Australia there.

I expect the ABC to be a producer of innovative quality programming in all areas. I want:

1. the ABC to be less dependent on outsourced programming
2. the ABC to be funded and rebuilt so that it has strong specialist units to produce high levels of high quality and genuinely local in-house programming in all program genres on radio, TV and online
3. a public broadcaster that is focused on diversity and quality, not ratings

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