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To Whom it May Concern

Like many of my practising artist friends here in the Northern Rivers , NSW, I am aghast at the intention to axe Art Nation and Artwoks. To do so puts us at a serious regional disadvantage. Keeping up to date with innovative and 'edgy' work that is being done elsewhere, is axiomatic to contemporary arts practice As history has shown us, art happens in movements, with influences spreading between artworkers.To truly reflect contemporary concerns, we need to see what is happening in other parts of the country. Art Nation has been perfect for that purpose.

I am absolutely unpersuaded by the counter offer from Mark Scott of 'in depth' documentaries about established artists, in the place of Art Nation. In my view these can often take up a large amount of time, by focussing on artists well in to their careers While this may be of so-called wider interest to the general populace it does not serve the niche audience made up by Art Nation viewers.

Yours faithfully,
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