

With regard to the decisions on ABC programming I expect the ABC to be a producer of innovative quality programming in all areas.

I want -

- . The ABC to be less dependent on outsourced programming.
- . For 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 on line.
- . A public broadcaster that is focused on diversity and quality, not ratings.

I strongly object to the disbandment of artistic/cultural programming which will lead to the ABC's role as an archivist of important Australian artistic achievements to be seriously diminished.

With the proposed closing of production units, it reduces the ABC to a public funded also ran.

Adhering to the charter should enable the ABC to be the innovator and producer of diverse programs of cultural value and intellectual integrity that it is meant to be.

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