

Senate Standing Committees on Environment and Communications

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.

I am saddened that Australia's public broadcaster is being transformed into a platform for programs that are made by the same companies that make commercial television content, and with an eye to commercial sales after first screening on the ABC. The community is rapidly losing the ABC as the innovator and producer of diverse programs of cultural value and intellectual integrity that it is meant to be.

Please stop this lowering of Australian community standards to the dangerous level of the Murdoch Press.

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