I wish to register my objection to the direction the ABC seems to be taking. Not only are more and more programs being made by companies who already make programs for the commercial sector but the inevitable consequence of this will be that programs will have to have a ratings appeal more than intrinsic artistic merit.

Proposed cuts to Radio National will have a devastating affect on the arts community and will lead directly to a fall in standards on our only national broadcaster.

This is a shameful situation for a rich country such as Australia to be forced into.

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