

## The decimation of the ABC

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I take my news and information almost exclusively from ABC Radio. It is one of the only providers of considered discussion and analysis of current affairs.

The ABC has longtime been the provider – the producer – of in-depth documentary programs that are educational and inspiring to people of all ages.

I believe that the ABC must continue to produce innovative quality programming in all areas. This will not be achieved by the slashing of budgets, and staff; nor by the compromising of standards and integrity that come with constant outsourcing and no culture of loyalty. You cannot measure the success of education – and the ABC is an educator, an education provider – in corporate terms.

The ABC is an unrivalled resource to the people of Australia. It is not tainted by advertising and associated commercial interests.

Funding to the ABC should be reinstated to a level and commitment where the ABC can be reconstitute its unrivalled specialist units, and regularly and reliably produce high quality and genuinely local in-house programming in all program genres on radio, TV and online.