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Committee Environment &
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Inquiry into recent A.B.C. Program Decisions:

- 1 The A.B.C has produced some wonderful programmes in the past and it concerns me greatly that drastic changes are planned.
The A.B.C must retain its independence free of commercial advertising and less dependent on out-sourced programmes.
- 2 It is important that the A.B.C. should be adequately funded and rebuilt so it has strong specialist units to produce high quality genuinely local in-house productions on Radio, T.V. and Online.
- 3 Public broadcasting should focus on diversity and quality - not ratings.
- 4 Sadly we have lost favourites such as Talking Heads, Sundays At programme firstly halved and now under threat of discontinuing altogether.
Murder and violent shows and cooking efforts have been most prevalent of recent months.
- 5 We desire our old A.B.C. back. I am greatly concerned at the direction it seems to be going and hope this inquiry will address this problem.

Yours faithfully
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