

Submission re proposed changes to ABC

Friends of the ABC are accustomed to coming to its defence against attacks from outside. This time, sadly, the trouble is inside, springing from an ideological commitment to outsourcing on the part of Kim Dalton and, apparently, the the ABC Board also. It appears to be all about money, and ceding rights to outside producers, so that the ABC will no longer own its programs. Also under the Axe are local sports programs.

Essentially, loyal ABC supporters in Tasmania and elsewhere are being sold down the river, and we may well end up with no locally generated programs apart from News. Cuts to New Inventors, Art Nation and Collectors will cause severe impoverishment. In a relatively small state like Tasmania, the impact will be very significant, and our free lancers will suffer, as well as young people hoping to enter the industry. These are BAD IDEAS and hardly in accordance with the Charter.

This is simply NOT GOOD ENOUGH . Please think again , and in a more productive way, other than the dreary negativism of cutting and outsourcing.  
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