

**The ABC has lost its way**

**With recent decisions made by the ABC on programming, particularly concerning the Arts, the ABC is showing a lack of understanding of its responsibilities regarding the ABC Charter. The chase after ratings and the race to the bottom in terms of taste make this friend of the ABC very disappointed.**

**ABC TV, with very few exceptions, is no longer worth watching. "Crownies" is a recent example of waste of space drama. The mimicking of Commercial TV is extremely distressing. If the unexplained cuts to the Arts programs are now to be followed by cuts to similar programs on RN, then we will be at rockbottom.**

**The lack of transparency as to the reasons for decisions is at the heart of the problem. We, the citizens, are entitled to know where and why decisions are taken about OUR programs; the ABC Board's minutes should be released in the same way the Reserve Bank minutes are released. Mark Scott should cut his spin and come clean.**

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