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The ABC is the life blood of many of us. It provides the most stimulating exploration of issues available on the media. It is thought provoking, questioning and creative. Although seriously compromised by limited financial support, it challenges many common assumptions and continues to push at the boundaries of critical thought and creativity. It does this successfully because it is free from commercial influences. It is one of the few areas of our lives where business does not have a direct voice. It is vitally important that it stays that way. Please leave the ABC alone as a non-commercial entity. It needs more money so that it can provide more local content and so that it can support local creativity.

Your faithfully  
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