

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Subject: Senate Inquiry into recent ABC programming decisions

I wish to submit the following points, that

- The ABC to be a producer of innovative quality programming in all areas.
- The ABC to be less dependent on outsourced programming
- The ABC to be funded and rebuilt so that it has strong specialist units to produce high levels of high quality and genuinely local in-house programming in all program genres on radio, TV and online
- The ABC should be a public broadcaster that is focused on diversity and quality, **not ratings**

The influence of ratings has become increasing noticeable in ABC programming resulting in journalist focusing on popularist views rather than exploration of the underlying issues.

The quality of Programs like *Insider and 7.30* are increasingly more about the ego and self-promotion of the journalist than a genuine understanding of the subject under discussion.

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