

SUBMISSION FOR SENATE INQUIRY INTO ABC LOSS OF PRODUCTION AND OUTPUT

As a worker in ABC radio I have no bias toward or against ABC Television issues, so I wish to say as an outside observer that it is disheartening to see the loss of TV production in house in Perth WA.

Perth especially is a very isolated city, and needs in house production to foster local talent, and to give employment and work experience to new people to the industry. The ABC has an obligation as a public funded organisation to teach new staff and develop new programs for all Australians. Why should the work be contracted out of house and insulated to Eastern States production only?

Regarding the broadcast of WA football, it is a part of culture in the state and country regions, so instead of cutting services we should be stepping up to High Definition outside broadcasts and fostering new areas to cover. I realise it costs money, however with some careful management and help from Government revenue I think this could be achieved long term.