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I am 76 and grew up in Western Queensland. The ABC has been a reliable information and entertainment source for most of my life. ABC has always supported and promoted Australian culture and way of life through its programming. I am at a loss to understand why programs such as Art Nation, the New Inventors and local sports coverage such as lawn bowls have been axed. Let the other channels swamp us with the latest contrived reality shows, American soaps and cop shows but please recognise the many viewers who want something more than this drivel. Bring back more Aussie dramas and well researched documentaries and keep, encourage and grow your up-and-coming staff so that they will be around to excel in the future and replace the remarkable talent so recently and tragically lost at Lake Eyre.

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