

Axing of the arts on TV

Dear Senate Inquiry into the ABC

I wish to add my voice to register concern into the apparent likelihood of the axing of locally made arts programs on ABC TV.

Programs such as Arts Nation and the Collectors are incredibly important in Australia in terms of the development of our national culture. This is because Australia is a place where cultural development often takes place on an individual or a small scale model. It is in the nature of our cultural development that regional arts, crafts, film making, etc, are carried out by smaller enterprises. The character of the TV shows which give voice to this type of creativity reflects this reality.

If we default to mainstream soft crap we will have the artistic equivalent to what we now witness as our national political debate.

Your sincerely  
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