

For Senate Enquiry on the ABC - Please don't Privatise ABC

I wish the Senate Enquiry to know that:

The ABC has been one of the best person-made things about Australia.

I want the ABC to be funded and rebuilt so that it has strong specialist units which produce high quality and genuinely local in-house programming in all of its programs areas - radio, TV and online. I don't want programs to be outsourced or driven by commercial motives.

I want the ABC to be a free public broadcaster for diverse and open intellectual discussion and debate with high quality programs for all.

While travelling overseas for six months I most missed the "OUR ABC" and the people who present its wonderful programs :-

- Romana Koval (the bookshow), Natasha Mitchell (all in the mind), Geraldine Doogue (compass, Saturday morning), Rachel Kohn (the spirit of things), Richard Aedy (Life Matters), Robyn Williams (Science Show), Background Briefing, The Rural Report, Four Corners, Correspondents Report, The Gardening Show, Catalyst, Okams Razor, Big Ideas, The Australian Story.

The above programs and presenters can only do their work well if the ABC is supported and encouraged to produce innovative high quality innovative programming in all areas and is not driven by ratings.

Yours sincerely,

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