

I wish to submit the following comments to the Inquiry:

**STOP the ABC's PRIVATISATION by stealth! We need an INDEPENDENT public broadcaster more than ever before!**

I expect the ABC to continue to be a producer of innovative quality programming in all areas.

I would like the ABC to be less dependent on outsourced programming; 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. I also want a public broadcaster that is focused on diversity and quality, not ratings.

I would like to see the ABC's acclaimed Natural History Unit re-opened. Please keep the ABC's excellent program-makers and stop outsourcing television production to the private sector.

The ABC plays an important role as an archivist of important Australian artistic achievements. For this reason, please ensure that the TV Arts Unit is retained and also that Art Nation (the ABC's only TV arts magazine program) is retained. Please also retain popular programs such as The New Inventors and Collectors.

Please also retain TV production units in all states. Australians need the **QUALITY** and **DIVERSITY** of a truly independent public broadcaster.

**I LOVE 'MY ABC'!! PLEASE TREAT THIS RESPECTED AND LOVED AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTER WITH THE RESPECT IT DESERVES AND PRESERVE THE UNIQUE ROLE IT PLAYS IN AUSTRALIAN LIFE.**

From:  
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