

The A.B.C enquiry

Dear Chairman

My life, as a 73 years old former Mechanical Engineer, revolves around the brilliance of A.B.C Radio & T.V. Every day I find stimulation and satisfaction from programs such as AM, Ramona's Bookshow, Bush Telegraph, Norman Swans superb Health Report, Robin Williams Science Show, the incomparable Adams L.N.L., Sundays Background Briefing. On Fine Music, wonderful concerts, the Great Graham Abbot Keys to Music, weekend mornings with Colin Fox etc etc. On television the Business report, Landline, Catalyst, daily evening News services, B.B.C. productions drama and current affairs-----I am a totally committed A.B.C man. I just cannot abide the stupidities of commercial Radio or T.V.

But I will concede that the network has an enormous agenda. Four Television stations ??? Is that really necessary. The colossal amount of kids programs on A.B.C. 2 and 3. I would have thought that that is excessive, given that studies have determined that less T.V. for children is desirable.

Yes, the A.B.C. is doing plenty: perhaps too much. But let us keep in line with the Charter and provide the Australian public with material which is of a standard that stimulates, informs, and as in the past can rank with the best public broadcasting in the world which displays our nation as an egalitarian example to the rest of society.

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