

Subject: Friends of the ABC submission

Dear Ms Boughey,

Re: INQUIRY INTO THE NATIONAL BROADCASTING LEGISLATION
AMENDMENT BILL

I am aware that you have received a submission from Mr Darce Cassidy representing the Friends of the ABC. The SA Branch of the Friends of the ABC (consisting of approximately 500 members) advise the Committee that we strongly endorse that submission.

It most cogently presents evidence to show that the staff-elected Directors of the Board have demonstrated, on a number of occasions, their capacity and willingness to work in the best interests of the ABC, rather than - as some have wrongly suggested in the past - to represent just one group.

It is important that the Committee recognises that the staff-elected position is just that, a position elected by the staff. It is not a staff representative position, and those who have held the position have acted on occasion in ways that might even be argued could be counter to the interests of the staff who elected them. In doing so, as required by law, these people have demonstrated strong corporate responsibility.

The sum total of the arguments in Mr Cassidy's submission are a strong case for re-instituting the position of a staff-elected Director.

Yours sincerely
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