

**Subject:** ABC policy direction  
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Dear Senator

The ABC is, in my view, one of the most important influences in the establishment and maintenance of Australian culture, in all its forms: news (Australian and International), music (classical, modern, jazz), writing (fiction, factual, drama, poetry), film, politics, history, science, engineering, architecture and economics. I am very strongly opposed to the removal of its ability to carry this role; and it has, after all, been the most important training ground for today's television and radio professionals, establishing a reputation for independence, ethics and quality that can not be matched by commercial organisations.

It is instructive to study how, in the airline industry, Qantas the has been dragged down the path of emphasising financial survival and profit at the expense of our national pride in possessing a national carrier with an unsurpassed emphasis on safety and quality.

**Do not let this happen to our ABC. Please make sure that the ABC gets the funding that will enable to retain its quality standards and independence.**

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