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In forwarding my submission
in support of the ABC, I would like to stress
that it is the most important media
organisation in Australia.

A.B.C. radio provides us with a wealth
of news & information on a vast range of topics.
Where I live & farm on Lower Eyre Peninsula in
South Australia the mail only comes three times a week,
whereas the A.B.C. is only a turn of the switch
away at anytime.

Because A.B.C. radio provides such wealth of
news & information, any cut to its services would
be like being denied one meal a day. To people on
the land, programmes such as the Country Hour, The
World at Noon & in particular AM & PM are essential
listening.

On TV at night, we have been assured
that Four Corners & Foreign Correspondent will

be retained - so they should, but to lose the 7 PM news & the 7.30 report - would be a big loss. Like most farmers I do not come in from work until around 7 PM, so would miss the news if it were on an hour earlier. My day ends with Lidlens & it has already been cut back.

On Sundays I enjoy Sandline as do many people in the towns & cities. In closing I must not forget Radio National & Peak Radio. Both these networks are informative & entertaining, especially on weekends, as I am not a sports fan.

I hope my submission - will help save the programmes I have mentioned, & I wish Mr Sheil luck in his quest for more funding. We must have a strong ABC.

Yours sincerely
Colin Puckridge