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The Committee Secretary
House Communications Committee
Parliament House
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Dear Sir/Madam,

The ABC is an essential service for unbiased news provisions.

The other activities of the ABC are important in their social and artistic aspects so all activities of the ABC ought to be properly funded.

The proper source of funds is taxation because it is a public service; seeking influence on content or extent of coverage by financial or political intervention is not to be countenanced.

Any organisation which continually has funding cuts will have disproportionately low morale and production difficulties. As the ABC is clearly the source of almost all broadcast personnel in this county, curtailment of its activities is doubly culpable.

Increases of funding , not reductions, should be the order of the day.

Ratings are unimportant - the ABC must not attempt to compete with commercial productions where clearly commercial values prevail. Commercial news and current affairs will always be seen to be subject to political and financial influence.

Yours faithfully

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