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I was once ~~called by a~~ ~~MP who shall~~
remain nameless for now ~~and ran out of office &~~
called at my home — that people over the
mountains don't count — oh yes — the 18 y olds
count, but not the older generation.

What absolute rubbish !!

If this is what you do at our expense then the
time "us oldies", I am 79, changed places. We
have experienced 7 droughts, wars, when I lost
my wonderful husband. I don't consider I'm
ready for the scrap heap, thanks you.

I consider losing local news + current
affairs, weather, environmental, farm sales,
city people's views on bush topics, most useful, if only
to sort "the sheep from the goats" who talk such
rubbish. Most useful to isolated people called
farmers, and a main source of your bread and
butter.

Broadcasting of news current affairs is the last
thing the ABC should be considering cutting back.
These should be considered a life line to isolated
outback farmers.

How come at 'Orana' my TV is on ABC &

documentaries, some of us are intelligent, - enjoy, -
and would miss them.

Its the really good people who persist in
knowing whats what, & appreciate what the country
means. Without us the city people would show
up very badly where it counted, Character wise.
Too busy and greedy to smile.

Yours sincerely

Mrs) Esme Robinson

What we need is much more help. Not Less!!

What we need is to be counted & listened
too. "grey power" should be respected,
we are important - carry a lot of
knowledge & can wield a lot of weight.

Isolation is a curse!! give us
more programmes, and less sports,

I've been wanting to do this for ages -
now its off my chest - I'll get off my
'butter box'! I am a 'widow' 25 Kms from
Lsul gong. Its a lovely spot - OK while
the sun shines, but winter and shut in
at Spmy, and a long long night, means
TV T.V + more TV

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