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Dear Sir / Madam,

Please do not further compromise  
Current Affairs programmes. I enjoyed BBC Radio  
and TV while in the UK in my travelling days  
so was pleased to find the ABC service imitating  
the "best of British" policies, while reflecting our  
distinctive Aussie flavour.

For years now I have been aware of Friends of the  
ABC groups wherever I've lived. Do NOT LET THE  
FLAGSHIP news & current affairs areas become so  
stressed that they are merely offering what the  
commercial channels churn out.

I have been listening for years and cannot detect  
political bias. How fortunate we are to live in a  
country where the national broadcaster can give  
us impartial information on our own and  
overseas developments. (We live in a region  
where this is rare.)

If ABC Shops and websites are doing well... fine:  
let those commercially competitive areas overflow  
some profit into news & current affairs and  
free up our media professionals so they can get on  
with what they're trained to do as broadcasters.

Sincerely,  
Heather Mutch