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Subject: ABC Board Inquiry

The Secretary,
Senate Environment, Communications, Info Tech & the Arts References Committee,
S157, Parliament House,
Canberra ACT 2600.

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Senate Inquiry into methods of appointment to the ABC Board.

I am writing to express my concern at the present system of appointment to the ABC Board.

The present system of appointments is clearly unsatisfactory, in that it allows the government of the day to stack the board with political sympathisers. This can lead to efforts by Board members to influence staff appointments and programming at the ABC in line with present government policy.

To fulfill its Charter our national broadcaster must be independent of government and commercial influence. Board members must be appointed on the basis of merit and commitment to independent and comprehensive national public broadcasting, not for their allegiance to the government of the day.

I look forward to the outcomes of the Inquiry.

Yours faithfully,

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