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Submission to the Senate Inquiry into the appointment of the ABC Board

The present system of appointments to the ABC Board is unsatisfactory, while it allows governments to make political appointments or influence policy decisions. Such a powerful tool of mass communication is a temptation for any government wishing to push its agenda, curtail the independence of the national broadcaster or limit public debate.

For the good of all Australians, and in the name of transparency and accountability, the ABC Board must be free of government or commercial influence.

A system is needed that is based on legislation which enshrines the principle that board members are appointed democratically, by their peers, on the basis of merit and commitment to independent and comprehensive national public broadcasting - not for political expediency.

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