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Subject: INQUIRY INTO ABC BOARD APPOINTMENT SYSTEM

Dear Sirs/Madams

I have received information that you are conducting an inquiry into the system for appointing the ABC Board, and would like to take this opportunity to express my concern about any such system. I feel that it is essential that the ABC be restored to its former place as the respected public broadcaster, which is not unduly influenced (let alone savagely raped as has recently been the case) by any political party. Therefore it is essential that the appointment of board members is not a political decision, and that they are free to make decisions outside of a political context. The ABC is the only source of real investigative journalism on television and radio in Australia, and needs to be restored to proper operational levels. Let's raise the objectives of the board from mere kowtowing to incumbent politicians, back to the directing of a dignified, high quality broadcaster. The first step in this process will be to appoint a truly independent board with real power.

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