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Subject: Re: ABC senate enquiry.

I write this correspondence to express my absolute lack of confidence in both Donald McDonald and Jonathon Shier as Chairman and MD respectively of the ABC. In a country with such concentrated media ownership it is essential that there exist an independent and well funded public broadcaster.

To have the chairman of the ABC publicly support any political party undermines the credibility and independent perception of the ABC within the broader community.

The MD has presided over an unprecedented exodus of staff including his own most senior appointments and then grossly mismanaged the political consequences and public perception.

Both the MD and Chairman should resign immediately as a precursor to the senate inquiry. The ABC must have a board and management that are absolutely apolitical and independently appointed.

Regards

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