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I wish to add my voice to the growing outrage at the treatment of the ABC by the current Howard government.

The ABC must continue to be adequately funded to ensure its independence and appointments to the Board must be seen to be free from commercial and political influence and NOT be stacked with people acting in the interests of the government.

A truly independent public broadcaster is very precious.

I call on the Senate Inquiry to recommend that the Parliament introduce a system which ensures that members of the ABC Board are appointed on the basis of merit and commitment to independent and comprehensive national broadcasting.

The present Board and Managing Director no longer have the confidence of the Australian people and should resign immediately.

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