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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to address the members of the Senate Inquiry investigating the ABC Board of Management.

An independent and well funded ABC is essential to the cultural and critical richness of our society. It is one of the most important elements of our cultural and social capital. The current ABC Board does not recognise this responsibility. It identifies itself as having political affiliations to nurture and is prepared to support funding cuts and the stripping back of quality programs. The current crop of ABC staff work unreasonable hours for appalling remuneration. They do so out of a sense of dedication but this should not be the principle upon which to operate the most important cultural voice in the community.

I call upon the Inquiry to sack the current Board. It no longer holds the confidence of the community. The Inquiry should put in place a mechanism for appointing a Board that is there to support and develop the ABC not to support government mechanisms to undermine it.

Yours faithfully

Crina Virgona