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We have become increasingly concerned by the deterioration in the standard of performance of the ABC, which we believe to be due to the attempt by the present government to destroy it as an independent and effective broadcaster. We believe that all governments will seek to silence it as a potential source of criticism and it must be protected from present and future attacks by a truly independent board and sufficient funds to carry out its charter.

The present Board Chairman and the Managing Director are not independent, but political agents of the Government.

This disgraceful state of affairs must be ended, and replaced by a system of appointments to the Board that are free of political interference.

John & Brenda Ray