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Secretary
Senate Environment Communications Information Technology
and the Arts References Committee
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Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to protest about the current method of selecting ABC Board Members. They are appointed on the basis on their relationship to the government of the day which allows governments of all sides to stack the Board to act in the governments interest and not in the interests of the Australian people and the ABC as an organisation.

I have no confidence whatsoever in the current Board and definitely none in the current Managing Director. All these people should resign and be replaced by suitably qualified independent people who are committed to public broadcasting and not to the ideology of the government of the day.

The Senate Committee should recommend a new system of selection of Board Members and Managing Director on the basis of merit against set criteria including a clearly demonstrated commitment to independent, comprehensive national public broadcasting.

The ABC needs a Board to fight for it and this is the only way that public broadcasting will survive in the 21st century

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