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Subject: Appointments to the Board of the ABC

Honourable Senators,

I wish to make my views known on two matters relating to the Australian Broadcasting Commission.

1. I strongly believe that the Managing Director no longer enjoys the confidence of those for whom the ABC is a major source of news, information and entertainment.
2. As you consider the methods of appointment to the Board, you should keep in mind that the Board of the ABC must always remain free from any kind of political pressure. It must be, and be seen to be, independent. I believe that, political slogans notwithstanding, it is only a truly independent national broadcaster that will "keep the bastards honest".

I wish you well in your deliberations.

Yours sincerely,

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