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The Secretary  
Senate Environment, Communications, Information Technology  
& the Arts References Committee, S157, Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Sirs

The ABC is essential to Australia's culture and democracy and must be maintained as a well-resourced national public broadcaster which is independent from commercial and political influences.

I call on the Senate Inquiry to recommend that the Parliament ensures members of the ABC Board are always appointed on the basis of merit, experience, and commitment to independent national public broadcasting and never to allegiance to any government of the day.

Yours sincerely

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