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I am writing as a regular consumer of ABC TV and radio.

I am greatly alarmed at the way in which the administration of one of our most precious institutions is being handled.

The ABC is by any standards extraordinary. I am a regular world traveller and I am aware that we are very lucky in this country to have such an excellent national broadcaster, I am deeply worried that this standard is being eroded by less than adequate management.

The present system of appointments to the ABC board is unsatisfactory and has resulted in the government being able to stack the board with its cronies. Hence we end up with someone as inexperienced as Jonothan Shier at the helm. I have NO confidence in Shier or the board that appointed him. I call on Shier and the board to resign and for your inquiry to institute changes to the way in which the ABC board is chosen so that its members are experienced and more importantly independant.

Please act for the good of us all and protect the ABC.

Yours truly,

Peter Knight.