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Gentlemen:

I write in great anger to complain very strenuously about what you are doing to the Australian Broadcasting Commission by cutting and removing funding. The A.B.C. is essential to Australia's culture and democracy.

It **MUST** be maintained as a well-resourced and comprehensive national public broadcaster which is **TOTALLY** independent from commercial and political influence and interference.

The present system of appointments to the A.B.C. Board is clearly unsatisfactory. It allows any government to stack the Board with people aligned with government philosophies and who **ACT IN GOVERNMENT INTERESTS ONLY!**

THE PRESENT BOARD AND MANAGING DIRECTOR NO LONGER HAVE THE CONFIDENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND MUST RESIGN IMMEDIATELY!

It is imperative to have an independent Board and Managing Director! Moreover it is essential to have a Managing Director who understands and is au fait with the broadcasting industry, and is not merely a puppet of the government.

Yours faithfully

FRANCES AND MONTY MAIZELS (Mrs. and Mr.)