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BOARD OF INQUIRY ON THE ABC BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Thew ABC is essential to Australia's culture & democracy. It must be maintained as a well resourced & comprehensive national public broadcaster which INDEPENDENT from commercial & political influence.

The current system of board appointments is unsatisfactory. It allows government to stack the board with people aligned with government policies & who act in the interests of the government rather than the interests of Australian democracy! NOT SPOIL THE ABC...ITS A GREAT ASSET FOR AUSTRALIANS.

I call on the Senate Inquiry to change the system of Board appointments to ensure independence of Board members.

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