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Subject: Inquiry into ABC board appointments

Dear Honourable Senators,

I'm extremely concerned about the current make up of the ABC board.

The ABC has a history of independence from political interference and of broadcasting in the public interest. A strong democracy needs an independent voice to monitor and report threats to the democracy.

The current board and Managing Director should resign immediately having shown unacceptable political allegiance to the government and lack of will to fight against government cutbacks. The ABC should be independent to the highest level with all senior appointments made apolitically.

I ask that the honourable senators develop and implement an option that will ensure independence in the ABC at the highest levels.

David Chapman.