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Subject: ABC - independence and autonomy

Dear Sir / Madam,

I wish to voice my concern regarding our Government's virtual neutering of the peoples ABC. I feel very angry about a number of issues -

1. Funding cuts, which result in repeats of repeats and have the effect of numbing us stupid.
2. Endless advertising of the ABC's future programs, sooo boring ! Is this an attempt to soften us up for 'real' paid advertisements ?
3. Dismantling of our overseas broadcasting transmission, what a travesty ! Contempt for the listening audience of South East Asia. Millions of our near neighbours relied on unbiased reporting of issues affecting their regions. Shame !

Whilst this attitude towards OUR ABC prevails, and continues to cripple it, I for one will not consider voting for a party that doesn't value the ABC's true worth. It must remain a national treasure and for this it requires effective funding and independence from government interference.

Yours sincerely

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