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The Secretary,
Senate Environment, Communications, Information Technology & the Arts references
Committee, S157
Parliament House,
Canberra ACT 2600

Re: Inquiry on ABC Board Appointments

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to lodge the strongest objection possible to the present membership of the ABC Board, including the Chairman, and to the disastrous appointment of the present Managing Director of **OUR** ABC.

I am appalled by the turn-over of recent staff appointments and also the loss of valued staff within the ABC.

I have absolutely no confidence in the Board or in the present Managing Director of the ABC.

I submit that my concerns are common to all those who have supported ABC Staff and programs in the past. The present T.V. programming of second rate imports is a national disgrace and a disaster for viewers and Australian talent.

My submission to this Senate Inquiry is for a recommendation to Parliament that the Appointment of ABC Board members should be made absolutely independent of political parties and any government officers. The ABC must be assured an independent Board, one that will protect its integrity from interference and be committed to its responsibility to public broadcasting of the highest standard.

Thankyou for considering my submission to your Inquiry,
Yours Faithfully

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