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The Secretary  
Senate Environment, Communications, IT and the Arts Reference Committee

Dear Sir/Madam

I welcome this opportunity to register a strong preference for an independently selected board for the ABC.

It has become apparent over the last few years that Board appointment is politically directed, with new members having a distinct 'leaning' to neo-liberal ideology. It is also apparent that the Board is antipathetic to the notion of staff representation in governance.

I believe Board membership should be subject to an independent committee established with bi-partisan support and composed of those with experience in the broadcast industry and commitment to the notion of a free-to-air public broadcaster of the highest quality. Further, such a committee should accept that governance is not ultimately harmed by representation from staff and consumers, but enhanced by the often vigorous debate that can occur when all stakeholder views are represented as exactly that.

Yours faithfully

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