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To the Secretary,  
Senate Environment, Communications, Information Technology & the Arts  
References Committee,  
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Dear Sir,

The present method of appointing members to the ABC Board so that the Board reflects the political policies of whichever party happens to be in government, often contrary to the spirit of its Charter, and at odds to the wishes of most Australians is clearly unacceptable.

Appointments to the ABC Board should only be made by a 75% majority vote of a Joint Parliamentary Committee on the basis of the appointee's merit and commitment to an independent and comprehensive national broadcaster. Once this Committee system is established the present members of the Board should be dismissed, and a new Board appointed. Only by this means will public faith be restored in the independence and integrity of the ABC.

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