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SENATE INQUIRY ON ABC BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The ABC is essential to Australian culture and democracy. It is vital that the ABC is maintained as a well-resourced and comprehensive national public broadcaster, **independent** of commercial and political influence.

The present Board and Managing Director of the ABC do not have the confidence of the public and should resign immediately.

The Senate Inquiry should recommend that Parliament introduce a system which ensures members of the ABC Board are appointed on the basis of merit and commitment to independent and comprehensive national public broadcasting, not allegiance to the government of the day.

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