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The Secretary, Senate Environment, Communications, Information Technology  
@ the Arts references Committee.

As a regular viewer and listener to ABC programs, I wish to express my deep concern at the way all political parties view the ABC Board as an organisation they should stack with their own philosophical supporters.

How can a Board which is instituted in such a way, ensure that the ABC is primarily an organisation that plays its role in protecting Australia's culture and democratic traditions without political influence ?

I can assure you that the present Board of the ABC, with its close connections to the Liberal Party (who in their right mind would consider Michael Kroger 'impartial?') is not seen by the public as having been chosen on the basis of merit and commitment to independent and comprehensive national public broadcasting.

There must be a better way of choosing Board members. Nominations from individuals and organisations should be called for and a transparent selection process instituted .

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