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The Secretary,
Senate Environment, Communications, Info technology & the Arts references
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to express the view that the appointment of ABC board members ought to be by merit and not by allegiance to any particular political group.

As has been said by many before, the ABC is essential to Australia's culture and success as a democracy. Those charged with ensuring this role is continued should represent as diverse a range as possible of this culture. They must make sure the ABC is independant of any one particular view. This does not appear to be the case with the current board and Managing Director. Future appointments need to be by a process which prevents this happening again.

Yours faithfully

Barry Parsons