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Secretary, Senate Environment
Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Reference Committee
S157, Parliament House
Canberra, ACT

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Dear Sir,

I would like to register my strong support for the Australian Broadcasting Corporation.

As a mildly disabled woman requiring regular hospital treatment I find that ABC radio, particularly Radio National and Classic FM to be invaluable. They provide me with high quality and comprehensive news and current affairs from across the nation, intelligent and insiteful comment on issues from around our region, challenging & thought provoking interviews from across the political spectrum along with an extensive variety of music and entertainment from around the world.

It is essential that members appointed to the ABC Board have an unerring belief in the value of a public broadcaster to all members of the community and to providing a wide range of services and activities. Board Members must be free from political influence and be prepared to vigorously defend the independence of ABC and oppose continued government budget cuts.

Yours sincerely

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