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I am appalled at the ABC Board's lack of support for the ABC. They have timidly stood back while the government has slashed funds and attacked the broadcaster's independence and integrity.

The existing Board and the managing director, Mr Shier, have lost the confidence of the public and should resign immediately.

Your inquiry should recommend that Parliament establishes secure, long-term, independent funding for the ABC, and a method of appointing Board members that ensures they are not beholden to a political party or agenda.

Country residents rely on the ABC, both television and radio, and we demand a strong, well-funded, independent national broadcaster.

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