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Tuesday August 7, 2001.

Secretary
Senate Environment, Communications, Information Technology & Arts References
Committee
S157, Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for the opportunity to make some comments about the ABC.

I am very concerned about the current state of the ABC. The ABC is essential to Australia's culture and democracy. It must be maintained as a well resourced and comprehensive national public broadcaster which is independent from commercial and political influence.

The current system of appointments to the ABC Board is unsatisfactory. The current system of Board appointments is too political and needs to be changed.

The current Board and the Managing Director of the ABC no longer has my confidence and should resign immediately.

I call on the Senate Inquiry to recommend that the 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.

Yours sincerely

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