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Subject: Senate Inquiry on ABC board appointments

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to lodge my disgust at the current Board and Managing Director and the way they are running the ABC. The cuts to funding (despite the promise by Mr.Howard to maintain existing levels), the choice of programming and the potential loss of independence through advertising all concern and disappoint me and will influence my vote at the next election.

The current system for selecting the board of the ABC is unsatisfactory. I wish to see a system where the members are appointed on their merit and commitment to an independent and comprehensive national broadcaster, not their allegiance to the government of the day.

I wish you well in your inquiry into this matter and hope that you will recommend a far more democratic and accountable selection system which will ensure the future independence of this great institution.