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I am writing to express my concern over the political nature of appointments to the ABC board and particularly the managing director. It is important that the ABC has an independent roll, free of political influence. It would be ideal if members of the ABC board were appointed for their experience in the media and not for their political connections or because their views are in line with those of the government. It is also important that funding for the ABC is not used as leverage to implement services that are politically favourable or remove programs that are critical of the government of the day. Australia has a healthy commercial media. It is vital that Australians can rely on the ABC for information that is balanced and for entertainment that stimulate the creativity of industry and appeal to different audiences within our diverse population.

Thankyou for your consideration

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