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Subject: Senate Inquiry into the ABC board.

The Secretary,
Senate Environment, Communications, Info Tech & the Arts References Committee,
S157, Parliament House,
Canberra ACT 2600.

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Dear Sir madam,

I write in regard to the inquiry now occurring into the system of appointments to the ABC Board. This system needs to be changed. It allows government's to stack the board with its allies.

All Australians benefit if the board is as independent as possible from government and commercial influence. I support a new system where board members are appointed on the basis of merit and commitment to independent and comprehensive national public broadcasting, not for their allegiance to the government of the day.

Yours Sincerely,

Ian Gray

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