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It is my conviction that this Inquiry should consider it completely inappropriate for the ABC Board to have as its Chairman, Mr Donald McDonald who is a fan and personal friend of John Howard. The AbC should have been able to protest vigorously about the cuts to its funding made law by this Government. It should be possible to appoint the Board on the basis of their expertise not on the basis of being biased towards the existing Government,. It is quite clear from earlier letters I have written, the Staff do not answer reasonable questions, if they question Board decisions; for example, they sidestepped my questions by saying how much money was being put into digital TV, rather than making any reasonable attempt to justify present program cuts by the present Manager, Shier, who is also on the Government side, and not in touch with the Australian public.

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