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Secretary,
Senate Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Reference
Committee

by email

Dear Secretary,

As a member of the Australian electorate I feel passionate about the need for the Board of the ABC to be appointed to enable the ABC to carry out its responsibilities as an independent body, to champion the cause of the independence of the ABC including from government funding cuts and interference.

I feel that the current method of Board appointments-essentially seen as part of a 'political gift' of the government of the day is clearly unsatisfactory.

I seek changes to the method of appointment to be approved say by a majority of both houses of federal parliament- on the basis of merit and commitment to independent and comprehensive public broadcasting.

I look forward to hearing of the progress of your inquiry, including through rigorous examination carried out by various ABC programs- if they are allowed by the current ANC Board to put the programmes to air.

I am happy to provide more information if necessary.

Please contact me if this is needed.

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