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Subject: Senate Inquiry into ABC Board appointments

TO: The Secretary, Senate Environment, Communications, Information Technology & the  
Arts References Committee,  
Parliament House,  
Canberra

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to express my concern at the continued practice by both sides of Australian politics of stacking the ABC Board with its own political appointments. This compromises the integrity of our independent national broadcaster. I support the establishment of a transparent mechanism within the Australian Parliament, which ensures appointment of independent members to the ABC board who are not aligned with any political party or philosophy, but are chosen on merit. This mechanism should also ensure that the ABC is adequately funded to produce quality Australian drama and comedy - not run repeats of "Fawlty Towers." The appointment of the Managing Director of the ABC should also be overseen by this transparent Parliamentary mechanism. The current incumbent Jonathan Shier being totally unsuitable to running a public broadcaster, and in my opinion, responsible for the current chaos within the ABC.

Please contact me if you require further information.

Kind regards

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