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As a regular ABC listener and viewer I am writing to express my concerns over the immediate and long term future of the National Broadcaster.

It is my opinion that the present board and Managing Director of the ABC no longer have the confidence of the public and should resign immediately.

The ABC is essential to Australia's culture and democracy. It must be maintained as a well-resourced and comprehensive national public broadcaster which is independent from commercial and political influence.

The present system of appointments to the ABC Board is clearly unsatisfactory. It allows any government to stack the Board with people aligned with its philosophies and who act in its interests.

I am calling on the Senate Inquiry to recommend that the Parliament introduce a system which ensures members of the ABC Board are appointed on the basis of merit and commitment to independent and comprehensive national public broadcasting, not allegiance to the government of the day.

Yours faithfully,

Mark Taylor