

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please don't abolish the staff member position on the ABC board. It's the only position not appointed by the Howard Government and provides some much-needed independence and broadcasting expertise. If the Howard Government is so keen on exporting democracy to places like Iraq and Afghanistan, why is it so keen on stifling all opinion in Australia that is contrary to the official Howard doctrine? If democracy is good for Iraq and Afghanistan, it's good for us too.

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