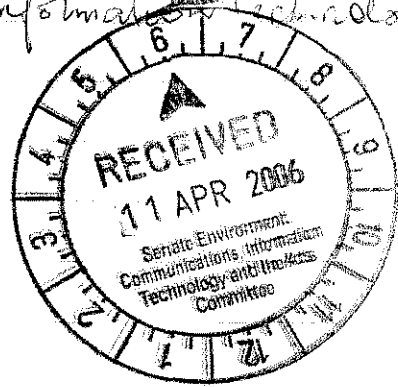


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Dear Sir,

History has shown that ABC staff elect to the ABC Board people who are committed to maintaining the integrity of the ABC.

It is the Government's appointees with views and affiliations to bodies opposed to independent public broadcasting that have a conflict of interest.

If the public is to have any confidence in the integrity of the ABC Board a new assessment process for government appointments is required — one that is merit based, transparent and independent of government.

Yours sincerely

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