

**SUBMISSION TO THE INQUIRY INTO THE  
Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment Bill 2006**

To whom it may concern,

I would like to register my dissatisfaction with the proposed bill's removal of the position of staff-elected ABC board member. I believe that the ABC's commitment to quality journalism may be negatively affected if the board does not include a member with direct experience in ABC news and current affairs, rather than individuals with backgrounds in corporate management (the latter are already well represented on the board). I also object to any other measures in the bill which may function to erode the ABC's independence, its budget or the government's commitment to public service broadcasting in general.

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