

Dear Members of the Senate Select Committee

I would like to register my disappointment that the Government plans to sign away our country's rights to produce, transmit and otherwise control the amount of Australian content which its people will be able to access.

Am I under a misapprehension when I believe that the USA is our ally? My current perception is that this role is changing to one with dictatorial overtones. A true friend would recognise our need to retain control over our own cultural resources and the methods and means of transmission of them. Indeed, a true friend would recognise our nation's rights in these areas and encourage us to retain control.

It's a heavy burden that we, the voters, have placed on you committee members. We trust that you will act wisely on our behalf. We trust that you will remember the spirit that makes Australia such a great nation. We may be small in number, but we are giants in our love and pride of what makes us Australians. Please don't trade this away from us.

Sincerely
Sandy Curtis