

Review of the ABC and SBS

ABC SBS Review

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- I find listening to RN to be a vital element in my life. It keeps me abreast of daily life and enables me to form independent opinions on matters of importance.
- The 8:30 reports on RN often give considered and independent comments on events and widen my perception of them.
- Although I am not a religious person, I appreciate the Religion Report because it often throws light on some of the strong motivating forces of our times.
- In our aging society where more and more people spend twenty or more years in retirement, the provision of thought provoking and stimulating programs that are easily accessible is very important.
- The presentation of News, both local and international, is an important function of the ABC. It is vital that it be able to maintain its independent network of reporters in many countries and locations. Often their reports are the only in depth reports and comments available.
- SBS plays an important part in making Australians aware of the diversity of lives that are lived in Australia and elsewhere. This is of the greatest importance in confirming and strengthening tolerance within Australian society. It is essential that SBS be funded adequately to continue to make original programs that demonstrate the acceptability and legality of diverse forms of living within our society.
- I resent the intrusion of advertising into great and fascinating programs shown on SBS. Advertisements should be shown only in breaks between programs, as was done earlier on and as is the practice on the BBC.
- The role of the ABC in introducing novel forms of broadcasting is often emphasised, but this should embrace contents more than technologies. The alleged improvement in sound or picture quality of such new technologies benefits technophiles, rather than those interested in content.
- The opening of a multitude of channels, all showing similar syndicated, low-level content, does not benefit individuals or society.
- AM and FM radio are still the most readily available technologies for broadcasting. This is particularly so for a society that spends an increasing amount of time sitting in cars.
- The introduction of an educational channel that can be accessed at any time through the Internet would be of benefit to schools, because it could easily be slotted into timetables.
- In these days, when governments talk in terms of billions of dollars to support education from pre-school to university, there is every justification to increase the support for the ABC because it plays such an important part in life-long information and education.

