

Urgent Secure the ABC's independent future

as a major producer of information, ideas, education and quality entertainment.

Your own letter to the Government's ABC & SBS Review would be most effective. But if you don't have time, place 'x' in the boxes to indicate agreement with any points, add any comments of your own, and send the following.

Submission to the ABC & SBS Review :

I value the ABC's independence and want it rebuilt, well-funded, a producer of high quality content, commercial-free and accessible to all Australians.

I want an ABC which:

is fully and well funded by government, and in a manner that upholds the ABC's independence from government.

is well-resourced to be at the forefront of technological change, offering quality content on all delivery platforms - radio, TV and online.

is independent from commercial influence. This means:

- no advertising on any ABC network or website
- no on-air announcements beyond information about the ABC's own services
- no business activities that risk damaging public trust in the ABC's integrity or influencing its content, including the placement of ABC content on commercial websites or alongside commercial advertising.

provides both national services which broadcast matters of national significance and reflect regional differences, and local services to address matters of importance to local communities.

has a strong international presence. Radio Australia must be rebuilt and its access to suitable transmission assured, and Australia Network adequately funded without commercial input.

is accessible to all Australians without fee - regardless of the delivery platform. Online is an essential way to access the ABC in a time-poor world. ABC archival material records the history of our nation, which should be freely accessible to all.

I want:

the ABC Charter not to be changed in any way which will diminish the ABC or compromise its independence.

is a producer of programs of cultural value and intellectual integrity. The ABC should be foremost a producer of innovative, quality content. It should not rely heavily on outsourced production in any program areas.

the ABC and SBS to remain separate and distinct broadcasters - the ABC as a comprehensive broadcaster which reflects the full spectrum of interests of the Australian community, and SBS with its focus on multiculturalism. Australia needs more media diversity, not less.

plays an even greater role as an educator. The ABC is Australia's open university.

Comments:

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