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The Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
Department of Communications and the Arts  
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Dear Sir / Madam

I write to state my objection to the recent voices raised within the community suggesting that the ABC should be privatised. To do so would inevitably limit the range of thought and opinion that would be broadcast.

The current structure and broadcasting policies of the ABC provide a broadly based service to the Australian Community over a wide range of ethical, technical, social and political perspectives. Open discussion and critical analysis is essential to the functioning of a strong and stable democracy.

It is a tragedy that some unthinking voices choose only to hear the messages they fail to comprehend or value and so may conclude that there is a lack of "competitive neutrality" in the way the ABC as a broadcaster goes about its business. The ABC has a mandate to present a wide range of views and opinions based on rational thought and good science. For the future of our democracy, I very much hope and pray that they will continue to do so.

Caring for our Democracy and its vibrancy in the future.

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