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28th March, 2006.

The General Manager,
Digital Broadcasting and Spectrum Management,
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts,
GPO Box 2154,
Canberra, ACT 2601.

Dear Sir,

I have become increasingly alarmed at the threats to Australian democracy and culture. I am writing to ask that there be no further loss of media diversity in Australia and that the ABC as a strong independent national public broadcaster may be able to continue to serve Australia.

I ask that there be no reduction in the number of media outlets in metropolitan or local areas across Australia and no weakening of the cross-media outlets that can be owned in any market.

I ask that the issuing of media licenses to remain with a relevant public authority which is independent from government and the lifting of restrictions on the types of programs the ABC and SBS can multichannel.

Yours sincerely,



Margaret Newton