

The General Manager,  
Digital Broadcasting & Spectrum Management,  
Dept. of communications,  
GPO Box 2154,  
CANBERRA.

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing in regard to the proposed changes to our Media ownership laws & to the ABC.

The present concentration of media ownership which is dominated by the Murdoch & Packer families is already a sign of sickness & immaturity in our democracy & culture.

A healthy democracy would stand for freedom of information with a Government that welcomed criticism in the interest of meeting the needs of all its citizens.

Currently, in Australia, there is a groundswell of cynicism & disillusionment in regard to the way political power is used to deny us, its citizens, access to the truth particularly when big decisions are made that will affect our lives for many years to come.

The ABC is our only hope of access to both sides of issues. It must be allowed to fulfil its charter. It is already under threat by governments starving it of funding in the interests of their own reelection to office rather than in the future health of our Democracy.

Your Department is in a very privileged position where you can influence the health & maturity of our Democracy not only for today but for future generations.

We appeal to you to use such privilege to serve the interests of us all by ensuring that the wealthy, by the power they exert over governments, can not encroach any further on our freedoms & democratic rights.

Help our Democracy to reach levels of health & maturity that we, its citizens, feel confident has our well-being at heart & are proud to be part of.

Yours faithfully,

*Barbara Morison*      *Greta Christie*  
Barbara Morison      Greta Christie