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

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in regard to my concern about the proposed changes to Australia's media laws.

I am particularly concerned that there be no further loss of the media diversity on which Australia's culture and democracy depend. In practice this means that the law needs to ensure the following:

No reduction in the number of media outlets in metropolitan or local areas across Australia.

No weakening of the cross media ownership laws that regulate the type of media outlets that can be owned

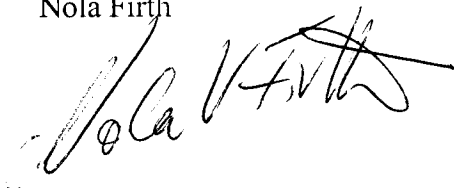
Media licenses to remain with a public body that is independent from the government of the day.

No restrictions on the types of programs the ABC and SBS can multichannel.

These issues are of grave importance for the preservation of the airing of a diversity of opinion which is the mainstay of a democratic society

Yours faithfully

Nola Firth

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nola Firth', written in a cursive style.