

The General Manager, Digital Broadcasting and Spectrum Management.

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Dear Sir/Madame,

I believe that today the world faces unprecedented and rapid changes and that Australian democracy and culture depends on there being no further loss of media diversity in any area of Australia.

We need a strong independent national public broadcaster.

Therefore I want no reduction in the number of media outlets in metropolitan or local areas across Australia.

I want no weakening of cross-media ownership laws that now regulate the type of media outlets that can be owned in any market.

I want the issuing of media licences to remain with a relevant public authority which is independent from government.

I also want the lifting of restrictions on the types of programs the ABC and SBS can multichannel.

If we are to have any hope of passing on to our grandchildren a worthwhile future in a world that will be vastly different to today's world our greatest, most valuable resource will be a well informed, well educated and aware population.

To help achieve this goal we must have an independent national broadcaster to provide a forum for articulate comment and exploration of so many vital issues. It will then have the credibility accompanying of the highest quality and excellence.

All the best in the future you please.

Yours faithfully,

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