

When you vote, vote for the ABC!



The ABC is already being crippled by funding cuts and there are fears that it could be sold.

Please think about this before you vote.

What would we do without our ABC?

Join the fight to defend our ABC!

Call, email or write to Mitch Fifield;

@ Email: minister@communications.gov.au

✉ Post: Parliament House, Canberra 2600

☎ Call: 02 62777480

OR

Prime Minister Scott Morrison

@ Email: www.pm.gov.au/contact-your-pm

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Our ABC

Why do we need to take action?

ABC Funding Cuts

Halved in the last 30 years in real terms, and in the past 5 years been cut by more than \$200 million

(ABC CFO Louise Higgins Feb 2018)

Another \$83.7 million frozen over the next 3 years

(May 2018 Budget)

Per Capita funding for our ABC is 34% lower than the average of other public broadcasters, including the BBC.

(ABC CFO Louise Higgins Feb 2018)

ABC Cost Savings

“By the end of 2018 our savings over the last five years will have increased to \$324 million; of which we have handed back 78% to government”

(ABC CFO Louise Higgins Feb 2018)

ABC Staff Losses

ABC has shed 1,012 jobs since 2014

(ABC CFO Higgins to Senate Estimates 2018)

ABC Production Losses

ABC has reduced factual programming hours by 60% since 2014, and also cut drama hours by 20% and documentary by 13.5%

(Senate’s Committee for Environment and Communications 2018)

Liberal Party moves to privatise the ABC

The Liberal Party’s peak council has voted almost 2:1 to privatise the ABC

(Liberal Party Annual Council June 16th 2018)

ABC Trust

The ABC is still by far the nation’s most trusted media organisation

(Roy Morgan ‘MEDIA Net Trust Survey’ May 2018)