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ABC ARTS

One aspect of ABC's present tv cuts that Vic working on is arts, which commenced with open letter to ABC Board below.

As u will see from note at top of attached letter, am continuing to send this letter to ABC Board with updates in its list of signatories.

If u know and cld recruit as signatories any prominent respected Australians, pls let me know.

Unfort, this letter-action was too far progressed to incorporate reduction in Radio National arts reflected in RN's 2012 draft program schedule. After work for forthcoming Senate inquiry re recent ABC program changes is out of way, Vic will consider further action re demise of arts more broadly in increasingly populist ABC.

ABC USE OF THINK-TANKS

Vic is continuing with work to raise ABC's imbalanced and inappropriate use for commentary of think-tanks (so-called) which are lobbies for corporate interests. As u observe any examples of ABC's inappropriate use of these bodies on your state's local radio, we wld appreciate being informed if it is accompanied by all relevant details.

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Last n'letter is at: www.fabc.org.au

It includes: Murdoch's *NoW* scandal - the real cause; study on ABC climate change reporting; public broadcasting in the USA; Radio National review [this item written prior to ABC releasing its proposed 2012 RN schedule].

ATTACHMENTS

- . **FABC lte Age 'Inquiry into ABC needed | 'Deliberate dismantling of our diminished ABC continues' 5.8.2011**
- . **FABC lte Aus 'Inquiry into ABC needed' 5.8.2011**
First time in many years that FABC letter published in Aus. Most likely happened only because its opening line supported Aus editorial's call for an inquiry, albeit that reasons Vic specified for wanting inquiry were quite different.
- . **Media release 'Eminent Australians call on ABC to Support Arts' 3.9.2011**
- . **Open letter to ABC Board re 'Request to Stop the Destruction of ABC TV Arts' (update @ 14.9.2011)**
Anyone wishing to use this letter electronically, should put a link to it at www.fabc.org.au where it will be updated from time-to-time.
- . **FABC lte Age & SMH 'ABC arts unit essential / 'ABC's coverage of the arts must keep pace with the times' The Age Comment 7.9.2011' 8.9.2011**