



ABC UNDER THREAT

80% OF AUSTRALIANS TRUST AND RELY ON THE ABC

Whether it's watching Play School with your children, debating Triple J's Hottest 100 with friends, anxiously monitoring emergency broadcast announcements during a bushfire, or keeping up-to-date with the latest news and current affairs – the ABC is part of our lives and plays an essential role in informing and shaping our views and national identity.

The breadth and depth of our ABC is enormous, there's something for everyone. **But the future of our ABC is under threat because certain politicians and commercial media outlets with vested interests want to sell it off and shut it down.** These people are not working for our best interests and this election we have the opportunity to stop them.



17 million people read, watch or listen to ABC programs every week in Australia and an additional 30 million ABC podcasts are downloaded every month.

The ABC is ours – our voices, our stories, our history, our music, our culture. This election use your vote to protect our ABC.

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**ABC
EMERGENCY**

Gardening ABC AUSTRALIA

ABC Rural

OUR ABC WON'T SURVIVE ANOTHER TERM OF THE COALITION

This election use your vote to defend our ABC and Change the Government



The Liberal Party has cut \$631 M from the ABC since 2014 and party members have voted to privatise the ABC 2 votes to 1. The party's hostility towards the ABC has been well documented and the subject of a recent senate inquiry. Most notable is the Liberal Party's attempts to interfere with the legislated independence of the ABC. The ideology and divisions within this party do not bode well for our ABC. **Definitely NOT a friend to our ABC.**

THE NATIONALS



Despite the critical role the ABC plays for regional Australians, the National Party has been 100% in step with its Liberal colleagues since 2014. National Party members have supported ABC funding cuts or failed to stand up for the ABC or the regional Australians who rely on it, when our ABC has been under attack. **NOT an ABC friend that we can rely on.**



The Australian Greens have a proven track record of support for our national broadcaster. The party has committed to restore \$330M and introduce changes to strengthen the ABC Board appointment process. **A true friend of the ABC.**



The Labor Party has a proven track record of providing the ABC with stable funding and respecting its independence in Government. Their total funding commitment to our ABC is now \$140.7M comprised of \$60M for local content and services and \$83.7M restored indexation. In a two-party preferred system, the Labor Party is definitely the best outcome for the future of our ABC this election. **A true friend of the ABC.**

MINOR PARTIES & INDEPENDENTS

WHO ARE THEY GIVING THEIR PREFERENCES TO? If the preferences are flowing to parties that are not friends of the ABC, then giving them your vote will be damaging for the ABC.

Most of the smaller parties and independents do not have detailed policy positions on public broadcasting or the ABC. So there are two things you need to find out before you give them your precious vote:

THEIR PUBLIC COMMITMENTS ON THE ABC. Will they publicly commit to (a) use their vote in Parliament to support the restoration of ABC funding; and (b) Oppose all proposed legislation that seeks to limit or curtail the work that the ABC does. If they are not prepared to make these commitments, you should think twice about giving them your vote.



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