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Letter to the Editor, SMH



Dear Editor

Re: **ABC for all Australians (re SMH editorial)**

The ABC is as worthy of taxpayer support as other important services which exist for the good of the country and its citizens. And it is more fairly and cost-effectively funded through our tax system. (SMH editorial proposal to introduce paid subscription for ABC services, May 23)

Public broadcasting has an important cultural function. In informing us about the lives of each other, it unifies and fosters a sense of national identity. The ABC is the recorder of our history.

Australians depend on the ABC for independent information, education, ideas and quality entertainment. The public broadcaster is our open university. It is, and must remain, accessible to all.

Yours sincerely

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