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Abbott rules out cuts to ABC at last minute

On the eve of the election, the Abbott-led Liberal-National Coalition has ruled out cuts to the ABC.

“Friends of the ABC was pleased to hear Tony Abbott’s election-eve promise that there will be no cuts to the ABC,” said Glenys Stradijot, a spokesperson for Friends of the ABC (Vic).

“We are gratified that the Liberal-National Coalition has recognised the respect and admiration with which the ABC is held by the Australian community.”

“Australia’s independent national broadcaster plays a crucial role in the life and culture of the country. It’s the responsibility of politicians of all political persuasions to ensure that it thrives.”

“The announcement that a Coalition government would not cut the ABC is good news which we had been waiting for,” said Glenys Stradijot.

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SBS/Tony Abbott interview:

Tony Abbott was speaking live to SBS World News from Penrith football stadium last night. When asked by SBS news presenter Anton Enus if the ABC and SBS would be in the firing line, Tony Abbott’s reply was unequivocal. He said there will be “no cuts to the ABC or SBS”.

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<http://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/2013/09/06/no-cuts-abc-or-sbs-abbott>