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Letter to the Editor, The Australian



Dear Editor

Re: PM Tony Abbott ruled out cuts to ABC

Cuts to the ABC should not be “in the air” (comments of ABC Chairman Jim Spigelman reported in *The Australian* 11 Dec).

The provision of reliable information and the maintenance of our local culture are as important as any other service which is funded by governments with income from taxpayers.

Ensuring the ABC thrives as an independent public broadcaster, which can speak without fear or favour because it is not controlled by government or beholden to commercial interests, serves the interest of the nation and its citizens. Importantly, the ABC is accessible to all Australians.

Prime Minister Abbott clearly promised prior to the election to maintain the ABC. The possibility of cuts should not be on the agenda.

Yours sincerely

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