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The Hon. Anika Wells MP
Minister for Communications
Parliament House
Canberra. ACT. 2600.

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Dear Minister,

On behalf of the ABC Board I write to offer you my congratulations on the return of the Albanese government and also on your appointment as Minister for Communications. Yours is an important role for the nation culturally and economically and also for the sustenance of Australian democracy and I trust it is a source of real satisfaction.

As you know, the ABC is a vital cultural institution in fostering national identity, connecting communities in providing a reliable source of trusted information and celebrating much of the unique characteristic which are comprised in being Australian.

The ABC appreciates the support the government has provided in its first term ensuring financial sustainability and in its commitment to 5-year funding.

We also appreciate the government's commitment and investment to strengthen the ABC's capabilities internationally, especially in the South Pacific in advancing Australia's strategic interests.

As Minister for Sport, I am aware of your ongoing interest in the role of women in sport. This is a high priority for the ABC as is increasing the profile and coverage of underrepresented sport in Australia.

I look forward to meeting you personally and briefing you on the ABC's strategic priorities. We have worked closely in briefing the government on planned initiatives and I look forward to doing so at the first available opportunity for us to meet.

As I mentioned in an earlier text message, I have to travel overseas on Friday of this week for a series of board and committee meeting in my role as the chair of the Reuters News Agency Trustees and will be back in Australia from 4 June. My office will seek a meeting with you immediately following my return.

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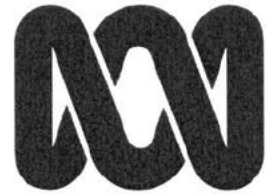
In the Interim I would like to invite you to address the next meeting of the ABC Board which is taking place in Canberra on 17 June at midday (over a light lunch). We would very much hope you might be able to join us. I very much look forward to briefing you beforehand.

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Minister,

I write to offer my congratulations to you on becoming Minister for Communications. It is a very important role in public life and a vital one for Australia's democracy.

The ABC greatly appreciates the support the government provided in its first term to stabilise ABC funding as well as its commitment to legislating 5-year funding terms. We are also pleased to be able to deliver additional services in the Indo Pacific region as result of additional investment.

The ABC remains focused on strengthening the trust that Australians place in it and enhancing the value of the services it provides to the Australian people. I am focussed on both protecting the quality of the ABC's core services (like our nation-wide local radio services, our extensive news and information services, and our emergency broadcasting capability) while further enhancing our pursuit of creative excellence across all our endeavours. We aim to be an integral part of the cultural and social life of Australians.

As you would be aware, I only commenced my role as Managing Director recently and am very impressed at the depth and breadth of services the ABC offers as well as the commitment and passion our staff have for the organisation. There is a real sense of common and shared purpose. I am also cognisant that we must continue to improve everything we do and make sensible investment decisions to ensure we meet our legislative and financial obligations.

I understand that the Chair of the ABC, Kim Williams, has written to you separately extending an invitation to the meeting of the ABC Board in June. I hope you will be able to make it.

Managing Director


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At the appropriate time I look forward to briefing you on the ABC's plans and priorities. In the meantime, however, please do not hesitate to contact me or my office if you require any information.

I look forward to meeting you. And personally, as a father of five children, I loved your swearing in.

Kind regards,

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Managing Director



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Dear Minister,

I would be delighted and honoured if you and your partner would agree to be guests of the ABC at the upcoming Midwinter Ball which will be held in the Great Hall at Parliament House on 13 August 2025.

The ABC is a long standing supporter of the Midwinter Ball which as you know raises much needed funds for a variety of organisations. It would be an amazing opportunity for my senior Canberra presenting team, myself, and my partner, to be able to get to know you a little better on what always has the potential to be a memorable evening.

I hope you will be able to join us.

Yours sincerely,

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