

Review into Australia's voice in the Asia/Pacific region

I wish to submit my views into the current review which deals with the reach of Australia's media in the Asia Pacific region.

* ABC Radio Australia for over 50 years was a trusted and respected friend in the region broadcasting independent news and information. Budget cuts have decimated this vital link.

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*There must be a major upgrade of ABC radio, television and digital services to the Asia Pacific.

* Such an upgrade is imperative to develop stronger partnerships between Australia and the region.

* Debate, transparency and good governance are strongly facilitated by the role of the Australian media and, in particular, ABC's international services.

* I cannot stress enough the vital importance of Australian media/ABC outreach into the Asia Pacific region.

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