

# Inquiry into the competitive neutrality of Australia’s national broadcasters

## Submission – id David Eames-Mayer (21 June 2018)

### Question 8: Considering the commercial activities of the national broadcasters (e.g. where they are selling or purchasing goods and services), is there evidence that they have taken undue advantage of their government ownership, to the detriment of competitive outcomes?

### No the ABC has in my opinion never taken advantage in the purchase of programming or the delivery of services Commercial TV businesses does not produce intellectually stimulating programs but floods the media with American Hollywood tripe and gutter shows demeaning women they constantly contravene the code of practice something that the National broadcaster in my time has never done.

### Question 9: What is the differential impact of regulation on commercial and national broadcasters, and is there evidence of consequent adverse impacts on competition and outcomes?

### The commercial broadcasters are supposedly private, in a capitalist society the should be able to look after themselves and secondly they do not ad hear to the code of practice .There is no evidence that competition from the ABC.impacts on the popularity or financial health of commercial TV, to any intelligent person the reason is clear its a result of poor programming their excessive advertisements and the proliferation internet streaming services commercial channels look know further than themselves for their misfortune.

### Question 10: Is the reporting and accountability by the national broadcasters on their best endeavours to observe competitive neutrality adequate?

### Yes completely

### Question 11: Are you aware of any specific instances where the ABC or SBS may have received any other competitive advantage, due to their public ownership, to the detriment of a private competitor?

### No.

### Question 12: The SBS Charter requires it to take into account the activities of the ABC and community television on radio and television. In the context of the competitive neutrality principles how in your view, is the SBS complying with this requirement? From your perspective does it adequately cover the activities of the SBS?

### Yes

### Question 13: From your perspective do the national broadcasters seek a balance between competing in the market and complementing the market? Is that balance the same for traditional broadcasting and for new digital platforms?

### I believe so

### Question 14: Do you have comment on these guiding principles?

The ABC and SBS are in the same league as the BBC they produce and telecast the programs that lifts the intellectual level in the community They produce intelligent and significant investigative programs something that is quiet the opposite and rarely found in commercial tv

Commercial TV fills the same space as the London Sun tabloid full of celebrity stuff and rubbish fit only for the gutter.

The committee should remember government businesses exist for the social good of the people and private businesses exist for one purpose and one purpose only that is to make a profit this is not compatible with social requirements of Government.