

## **DINO OTTAVI's TASMANIAN SENATE INDEPENDENT GROUP**

### **VIEWS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE ABC**

It is imperative that the ABC is given adequate funding in order to ensure that the Australian community have the ability to enjoy public produced programs of a diverse nature and range relevant to our Australian culture and values. This should be particularly so in the areas of news, culture, drama and current affairs. This is important because it provides knowledge and focus on issues relevant to the common good.

It is also important that the ABC Board be made more independent of Government. There must be no political pressure placed on the ABC, and the Board should be a way to stage off political attacks on the ABC.

It is also important that the ABC be kept commercial free. There should be no advertisement at all in the ABC.

Political Parties must be made to ensure that this is achieved and as an Independent Senate Candidate I will ensure that the charter of the Friends of the ABC is upheld.

ABC funding **MUST NOT** be manipulated or threatened since the importance of the ABC is central to a good democratic system in Australia.

If elected in the upcoming Federal election in Tasmania as an Independent Senator, I will ensure that like minded Senators use their numbers to ensure a positive future for the ABC.

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