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Senator Helen Coonan,
Minister for Communications, Arts and Information Technology,
Parliament House, Canberra.

We the undersigned “shareholders” in the ABC who are avid listeners and watchers on the North Coast of NSW express our deep concern about political appointments being made to the Board of the ABC. The recent appointment of right wing ideologue Janet Albrechtsen was a case in point. We urge the government to develop a similar process to that used in the UK for appointments to public bodies. In the belief that the ABC shareholders (aka Australian taxpayers) may one day get to nominate suitable candidates for the Board, we attach the following list of contenders.

Sir William Deane
John Highfield
John Bell
Bob Ansett
Rodney Groom
Anita Keating
Janet Holmes a Court
Michael Leunig
Ross Gittens
Donald McDonald
Kerry Armstrong
Hugh McKay
Fiona Stanley
Richard Tognetti
Allan Border
Steve Waugh
Mark Taylor
Jason Li

Yours faithfully,
Neville Jennings (Northern Rivers Friends of the ABC)

