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Australians demand ABC Independence

The petition calling for ABC independence by ending its alliance with transgender advocacy group ACON has gone to Communications Minister Anika Wells. She has 90 days to respond.

Australians are being asked to contact Anika Wells and urge her to meet with the ABC Board to discuss ending the ABC-ACON relationship.

The Petition was the result of studies which found that ACON (an LGBTQA advocacy group) has the potential to influence news and content selection at the ABC.

The ABC by its Charter and Code of Practice must remain independent and abide by the standards of objective journalism. The studies revealed that the ABC may have breached both the Charter and Code of Conduct on numerous occasions.

These breaches could involve ABC initiatives like ABC Queer or the ABC's provision of free talent for LGBTQA events.

ABC Queer was launched in 2020 aimed specifically at young trans and non-binary Australians. The under 16's social media laws also raise questions about the targeting of this initiative.

Phil Dye, the Founder of the Petition said *"The petition does not criticise the two organisations. It is their alliance which causes journalistic public trust issues. This alliance must end just as the BBC in the UK ended their alliance with Stonewall."*

Australians wanting to email or mail Communication Minister Wells can find easy pre-written email and mail templates at https://declarationofbiologicaltruth.au/abc-out-of-acon/

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Studies indicating bias

- Phil Dye Study HERE
- William Staddon Study HERE