

To: Chief of Staff **MEDIA RELEASE**

Wednesday 1st October 2014



Jonathan Holmes to present Petition of 57,515 to ABC Board

THIS Wed 1 Oct at ABC Ultimo rear entrance 9.30–10.30am

Jonathan Holmes will join ABC Friends' protest and present his petition opposing ABC cuts to the ABC Board meeting this morning.

Holmes' petition launched on GetUp's petition facility had 57,515 signatures this morning and continues to grow:

www.communityrun.org/petitions/abc-7?t=dXNlcmkPTQ0MDcsZW1haWxpZD01ODc1

The protest, which has been organised by ABC Friends and is supported by ABC staff unions, will take place:

9.30–10.30am at the rear entrance of ABC Ultimo.

"ABC Friends does not accept the claims of Communications Minister Turnbull that the public broadcaster can be cut without affecting programming," said Glenys Stradijot, ABC Friends National spokesperson.

"The ABC does a marvellous job. However, ABC audiences have observed a loss in the extent and quality in important areas of ABC programming over many years as its funding has declined.

"ABC Friends and supporters will protest today to oppose the ABC Board cutting important programs and services. The Board is responsible to ensure the national broadcaster thrives. It must not let the Government gag the ABC", said Glenys Stradijot.

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Information ABC Friends action at the ABC is supported by The Community and Public Sector Union and the Media Entertainment and Arts Alliance.

ABC Friends is a national campaign. It comprises ABC Friends and Friends of the ABC organisations across Australia.