

ABC PUBLIC CONFERENCE

DATE: 6th October 2017

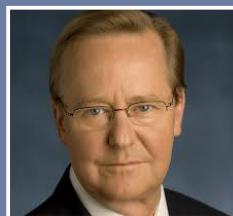
TIME: 9am – 5.30pm

SYDNEY

NSW Teachers Federation Conference Centre
37 Reservoir Street, Surry Hills



Dr Margaret Simons
*Australian Academic,
Journalist and Author*



Quentin Dempster
Journalist



Michelle Guthrie
ABC Managing Director

PUBLIC BROADCASTING IN THE 21st CENTURY

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Recent Political and Commercial Attacks on the ABC and SBS threaten the independence of Australian Public Broadcasting.

This conference wants to start a national campaign to protect independent journalism and the services provided by public broadcasting . Help us preserve the integrity of these national institutions.

TIME	EVENT	TOPIC
8.30am	Registration	
9.00am	Opening	Introduction – Mal Hewitt, Vice President ABC Friends National Welcome to Country
9.15am	Key Note Speaker	Dr Margaret Simons – Australian Academic, Journalist and Author
10.15am	Morning Tea	
10.45am	PANEL 1 SPEAKERS Michelle Rowland – Labor Shadow Minister for Communications Quentin Dempster –Broadcaster and Author Peter Fray – Journalist Chair – Ed Davis, Vice President ABCF NSW	How can Public Broadcasting protect Australian Culture and Institutions to limit the influence of foreign owned media?
12.00pm	PANEL 2 SPEAKERS Matt Peacock - Journalist and Author Graeme Dobbell – Broadcaster Gavin Ivey– Koori Radio Chair – Margaret Reynolds, National President	How can Public Broadcasting create a more distinctive Australian News Service that reflects all regions of the country and is more attuned to the Asia Pacific Region?
1.00pm	Lunch	
2.00pm	PANEL 3 SPEAKERS Jenny Buckland – Director Australian Children’s Television Foundation Shaun Brockman - Policy & Advocacy Manager - Youth Action Chloe Dallimore – Actors Equity Chair – Bobbie Mackley ABCF President W.A	How well is the ABC meeting its Charter responsibilities to different age groups? Is there a Sydney centric bias in determining audience reach?
3.00pm	Afternoon Tea	
3.30pm	PANEL 4 SPEAKERS Sindy Ealy – Community and Public Sector Union Ebony Bennett – Deputy Director, Australia Institute Natasha Lay – Youth Advocate Chair– Ranald Macdonald ABCF Victoria	How can public broadcasting extend across new media platforms while continuing to cater for traditional listeners and viewers?
4.30pm	Summary of Issues - Chair - Quentin Dempster	Recommendations for consideration by ABC Friends
5.30pm	Close	
6.30pm	Dinner at Cellos Restaurant	Guest Speaker Michelle Guthrie, ABC Managing Director Chair – Mal Hewitt, President ABCF NSW

SPEAKERS INCLUDE

- Dr Margaret Simons – Australian Academic, Journalist and Author
- Quentin Dempster – Journalist
- Michelle Guthrie – ABC Managing Director
- Michelle Rowland – Shadow Communications Minister
- Jenny Buckland – Australian Children’s Television Foundation CEO
- Peter Fray – UTS Journalism Academic
- Sinddy Ealy – Community and Public Sector Union
- Chloe Bennett – Deputy Director, Australia Institute
- Natasha Lay – Youth Advocate

Join them and many others at this critical time of media reform to debate the future of independent public broadcasting in Australia

LUNCH AND REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

DINNER - 6.30PM

**CELLOS RESTAURANT, CASTLEREAGH BOUTIQUE HOTEL
169 CASTLEREAGH ST, SYDNEY**

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