

**Motion from meeting of CPSU Staff in Tasmania. Wed 9/5/18**

**In the wake of crippling cuts to the ABC in the Federal Budget worth \$84 million and a further \$43 million direct cut to News, ABC Managing Director Michelle Guthrie has admitted the ABC will have difficulty in meeting the obligations under the charter. The MD also admits savings cannot be made from backroom cuts. We condemn the Turnbull Government's sustained attack on the ABC.**

**These are uncertain times for staff. We ask the ABC to work in a more collaborative way with us and our unions, the CPSU and MEAA, to face the challenges ahead and assess the impact of inevitable change in our workplaces. Staff are sick of being treated like mushrooms and subjected to ill-defined top down management processes. We should be allowed to work out the best solutions with local managers in the public interest and the interests of local audiences. We call for greater involvement of staff in forward planning, so staff can be notified of strategies at the earliest opportunity and have a chance to adapt.**

**We call on the ABC to recognise cutting staff conditions to achieve savings while we are consistently being asked to do more is counterproductive. The Local News initiative and the transition to digital platforms is broadly supported by staff but we will not continuously give more for less. We condemn the loss of two senior journalists in the initiative as it demonstrates a historic failure to upskill staff for the challenges ahead**

**We believe the cuts and roster changes being proposed by the ABC will undermine the operational efficiency of local ABC Newsrooms and our ability to make great local content in a sustainable way.**

**We call on News Director Gaven Morris to suspend proposed roster changes until local News management and staff in Tasmania have a 'genuine opportunity' to determine what local newsroom requirements will best serve local ABC audiences and until all ABC News staff and management work through the implications of last night's budget cuts.**

**We ask the CPSU and MEAA leadership to support us to communicate these concerns to the ABC Board and ABC audiences.**