

ABC Ultimo MEAA House Committee resolution on appointments to the board of the ABC

ABC Ultimo House Committee unanimously endorsed this resolution on ABC board appointments at a meeting on Friday October 19 2018:

In anticipation of a Senate Inquiry into the ABC Board, Sydney members of MEAA's Ultimo House Committee met late last week.

Sydney MEAA members believe the way future board members are appointed must be strengthened, and urge Senators to address this issue in the upcoming inquiry.

House Committee members endorsed the following resolution, authored by Ultimo House Committee President Stephen Long, which suggests a more independent, accountable and experienced Board.

- 1. No one who has an official role as a lobbyist or with an industry lobby group should be a director of the ABC*
- 2. At least half the directors on the board should have experience in the media, journalism or broadcasting.*
- 3. A transparent, independent board appointment process should be followed and the relevant minister should not have discretion to bypass this process.*
- 4. There should be two staff-elected directors.*

The resolution will be discussed and debated by other MEAA House Committee's across Australia this week.