

ABC Funding Facts

The real story on
cuts to your ABC



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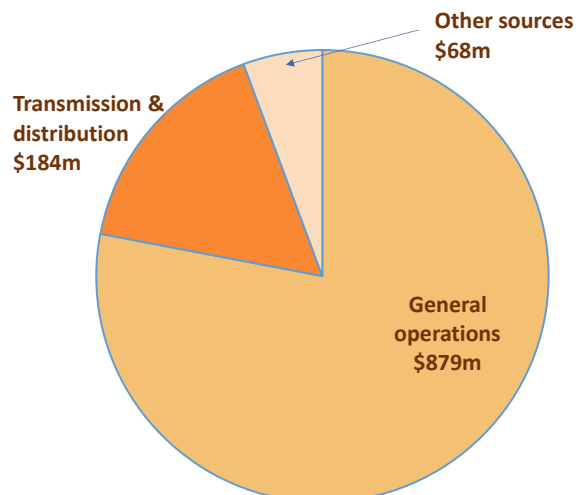
ABC funding at a glance 2019-20

The ABC receives revenue from government for:

Operational funding: the costs of running the ABC.

Transmission and distribution: contracts with third party providers to transmit the ABC's radio and digital television services in Australia.

The ABC receives some funding from external sources, mostly from its commercial activities.

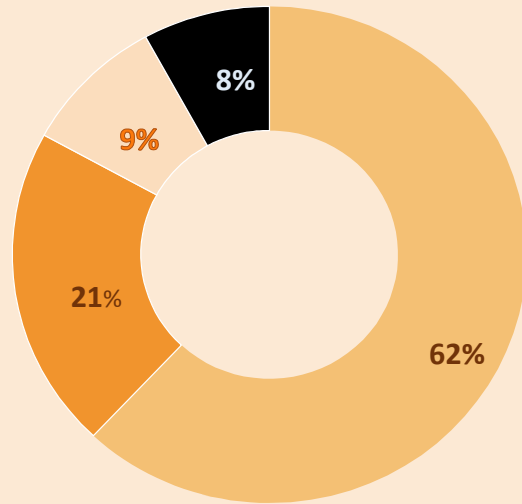


Source: ABC Annual Report 2019

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How does the ABC spend the money it receives?

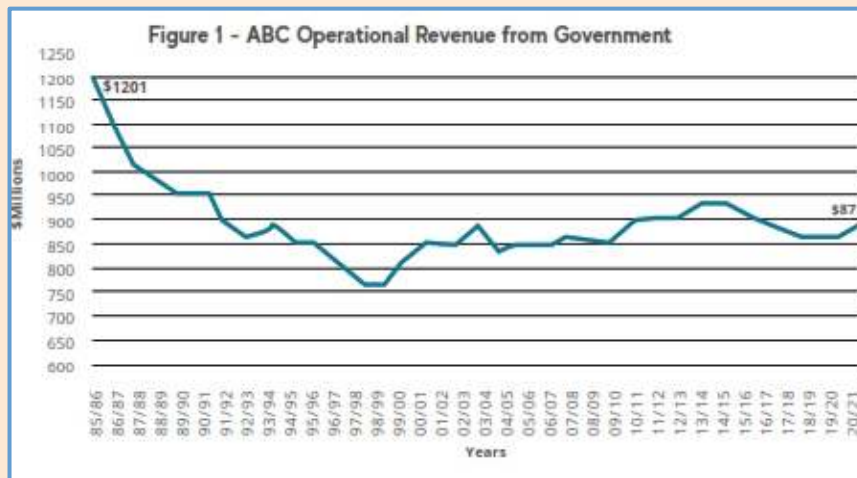
- Making content
- Delivering content (transmission/distribution)
- Supporting content makers (production assistants, etc)
- Providing finance, human resources & other non-content support



Source: The Cost of Being the ABC | June 2018

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The ABC's operational funding has been cut by 30% in real terms since 1986

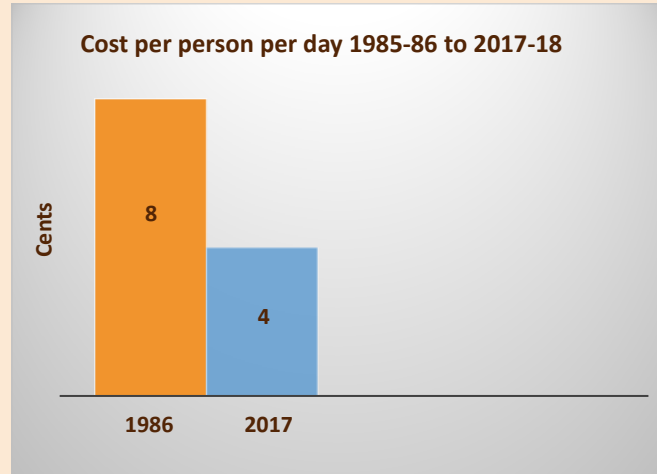


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In 1986 the ABC received 8 cents per person per day

In 2017 the ABC received 4 cents per person per day



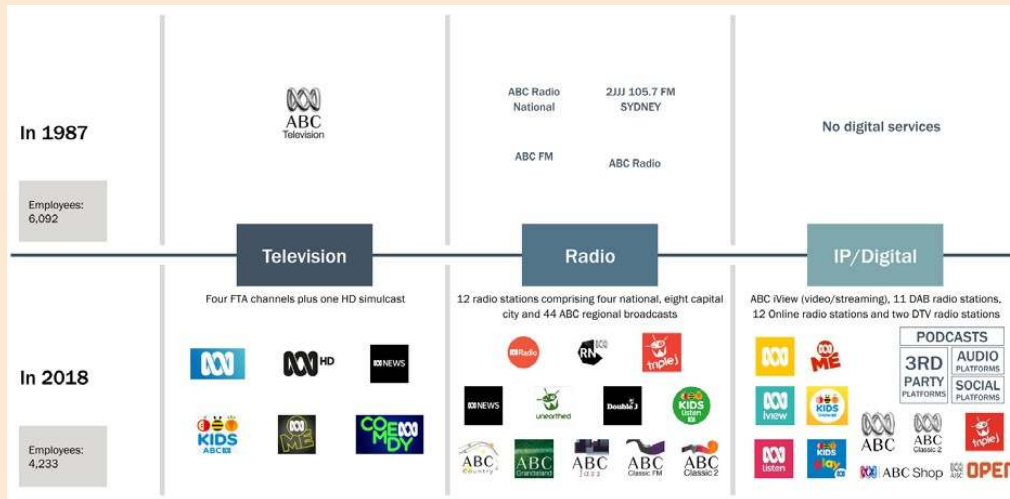
And the cuts keep coming

By 2022 the shortfall in ABC funding will reach \$783 million.

'The ABC will have to absorb cumulative budget cuts that amount to \$105.9 million per annum by the time we reach the 2022 financial year.'

David Anderson, ABC Managing Director

Yet the ABC does very much more now than it did in the 1980s



Source: ABC Friends

What's gone?



Local state sports coverage



Lateline



State-based 7.30 programs



Shortwave radio to remote Australia & the Pacific Islands



Production units in Adelaide & Perth



5 local radio newsrooms



Olympic broadcasts



International broadcasting



Regional stories on ABC Open



Numerous programs on Radio National



What's been cut back?



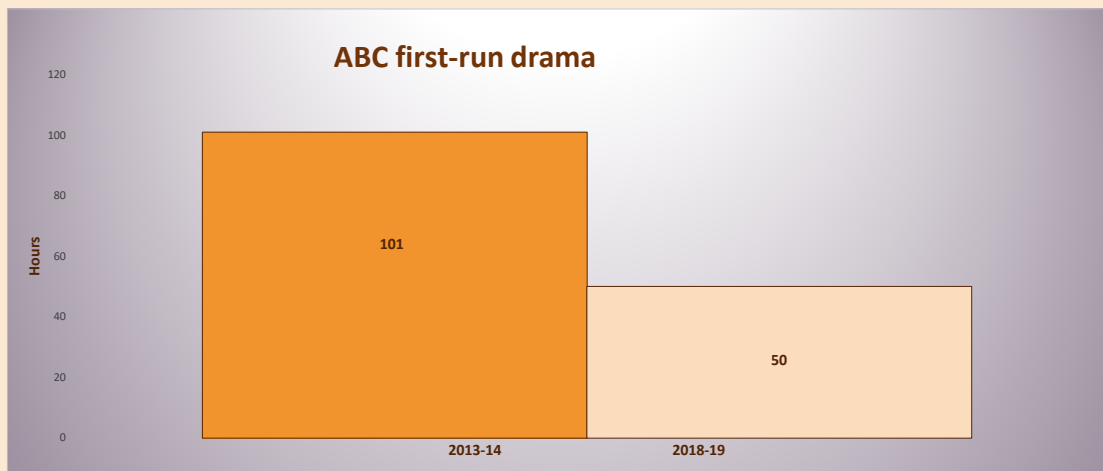
Overseas bureaus closed or downsized



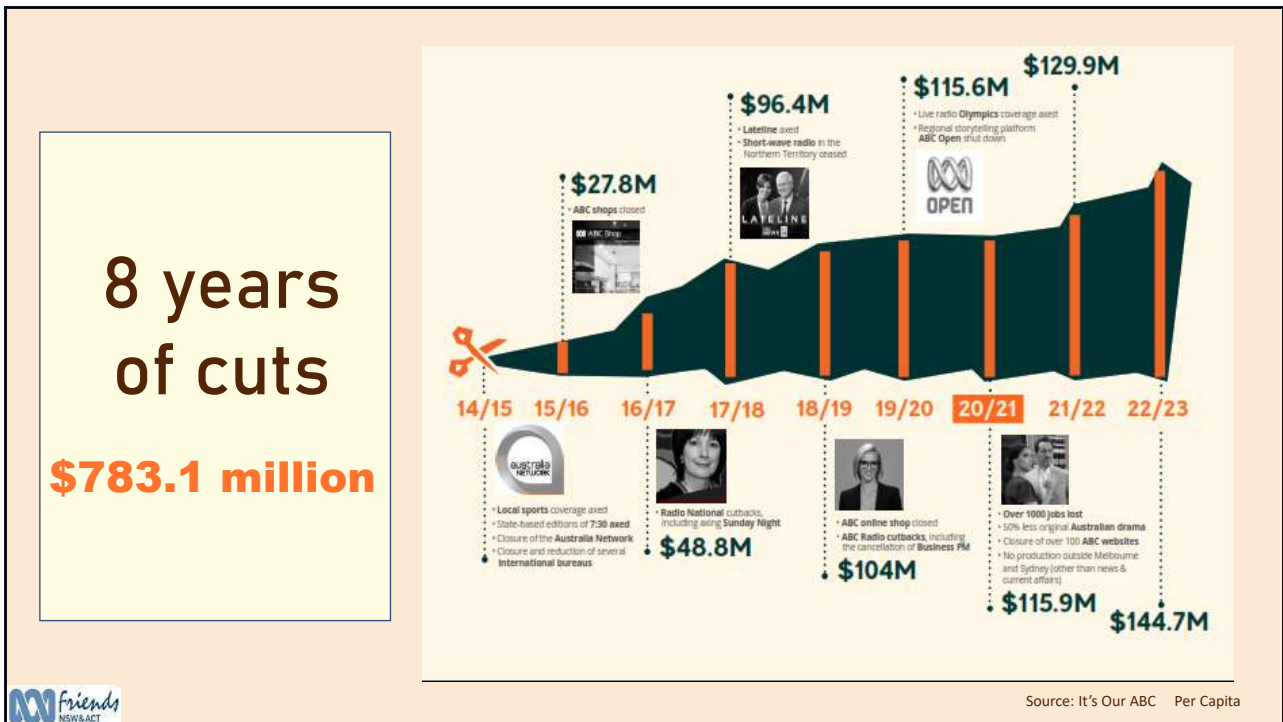
Reduced programming on Classic FM



In just 6 years drama production has been decimated



Source: It's Our ABC Per Capita



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How much will the latest cuts hurt?

Cut AGAIN

- Four Corners
- Media Watch
- Australian Story
- Foreign Correspondent
- 2 senior reporters go from RN Breakfast

- Less investigative reporting
- More repeats
- More imports
- Less Australian content
- Less travel to follow up important stories

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AXED!

- ABC Life
- ABC NEWS
- ABC WAR ON WASTE


Website DUMPED and merged with ABC Local. A real loss for younger audiences

7:45a.m. radio news - Australia's most authoritative morning news program - GONE

Spending with independent producers CUT by \$5 million a year. Less money for shows like *War on Waste*



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1,000 jobs already GONE

Another 250 jobs GOING

74 jobs from ABC News

53 jobs from Entertainment & Specialist – drama, children's programs, shows like *Gruen*, *The Weekly* and *Mad as Hell*

And many more



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What you can do

- Phone or write to your local Member of Parliament or Senator
- Phone or write to the Prime Minister, Scott Morrison and the Minister for Communications, Paul Fletcher
- Tell them that:
 - you love the ABC
 - funding cuts are decimating the ABC
 - ABC funding must be restored



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Follow the links for up-to-date contact details

Scott Morrison https://www.aph.gov.au/Senators_and_Members/Parliamentarian?MPID=E3L

Paul Fletcher <https://www.paulfletcher.com.au/contact-paul-fletcher-mp>

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