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[The Hon Michael Sukkar MP](https://ministers.treasury.gov.au/ministers/michael-sukkar-2019)

Assistant Treasurer

Minister for Housing & Minister for Homelessness, Social & Community Housing

Dear Assistant Treasurer

**Pre 2021-22 Budget Submission**

Thank you for the opportunity to make a Pre-Budget Submission for the 2021-22 Budget.

The Northern Suburbs of Sydney (NSoS) branch of ABC Friends recommends that Australian government commits 0.5% of federal government expenditure to funding the ABC and that they establish longer-term frameworks for this funding in order to de-couple ABC funding from the electoral cycle.

NSoS calls on the Federal Government during its pre-budget deliberations to ensure:

* reversal of the $84 million cuts in July 2020
* an end to the ABC’s budget indexation freeze
* reinstatement of the over 1,250 job positions lost at the ABC
* restoration of the $783 million cuts to ABC funding since 2014
* increase in the ABC’s budget to 0.5% - the level it was in the mid-1990s (now around 0.2% of all Commonwealth government spending)
* well-funded ten year funding for the ABC

We would be delighted to visit Canberra to celebrate the Government’s action in restoring a strong and well-funded ABC.

Yours sincerely

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