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**Subject:** "Feathers fly as rival slaps down Peacock's pitch for ABC seat" - The Australian

Today's *Australian* has a page 3 article about Matt Peacock representing "the interests of the CPSU at board, not necessarily yours". [Read the article by clicking here](#)

In light of this article it's my duty to put on record that I'm a union member of long standing but I have **NOT** sought union endorsement because I'm running for **ALL** staff. I know most of you – members or not - don't want to be told how to think or vote by faceless union officials or a candidate's high-profile mates.

**I'm also the only candidate with ABC Board experience. As Staff Elected Director 2000-2002, I...**

- presented your petitions and fought the case to successfully end the destabilising Jonathan Shier era.
- helped secure \$70 million in new funding for Radio, TV & Online from the then-Coalition government (National Interest Initiative).
- fought for, and helped save, local football coverage and helped bring back programs including Media Watch, primetime local TV current affairs (Stateline) and INHOUSE science shows (e.g. Catalyst).
- pushed the Board to increase the ABC's online presence, boost Radio Australia and win back the Australia TV International service.

**I won by just a small margin in 2000, so your vote is vital if I am to again represent your concerns on the Board.**

**A quick bio:** I've worked at the ABC for almost 30 years – in every mainland State and Territory - and have shown I get things done at Board level to strengthen the national broadcaster and make your workplace better. I've worked in NewsCaff, TV Production, Australia Network, Children's and Education, Radio National, Rural and now in Local Radio.

By voting for me you elect someone with an understanding of the concerns of all staff across multiple divisions, across the country.

**I don't have the cash to fly around and meet you all – heck, I'm on air every day and those flights are expensive – but [I can introduce you to a digital version of me if you click here](#)**

**YOUR VOTE IS VITAL; MAKE IT COUNT BY VOTING FOR EXPERIENCE & INDEPENDENCE.**

**Cheers, Ian Henschke**