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STATEMENT

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Minister welcomes ABC Parramatta staff move

I have consistently advocated for our national broadcasters to examine relocating their facilities to Western Sydney.

Today the majority of the ABC's staff are located in Ultimo, in Sydney's inner west.

The ABC needs to serve all Australians. But Sydney is not Australia and Ultimo is not Sydney.

I welcome today's announcement that the ABC will move up to 300 staff to Parramatta. This is a good first step.

Parramatta will be a considerably more convenient location for people who live in many parts of Sydney that today are underrepresented at the ABC, particularly Western Sydney.

More diversity of people will mean more diversity of opinion amongst ABC staff and journalists, and any objective observer would agree that can only be a good thing.

The ABC has editorial and operational independence and decisions on property matters such as this are matters for ABC board and management.

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