

Julian Burnside: Independent media for reality's sake

By Julian Burnside

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Human rights advocate and barrister [Julian Burnside AO QC](#) talks about his disenchantment with newspapers and the vital need for more than just two voices in Australian media.

I DON'T READ NEWSPAPERS all that much, but when I do I'm disenchanted.

It was some years ago, I guess, that I started doing cases the media were interested in and naturally, being an eager young barrister, I'd look for the report.

I'd read it and think:

"Oh, was that the case I was in?"

I couldn't believe how completely unconnected **Keep reality alive in Australia by subscribing** mainstream media was to what was actually happening.

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The media in Australia – the mainstream – is very tightly held; there's basically only two voices. That's why we need independent voices, because with their news from the Murdoch press. Now, that's an interesting coincidence of numbers; they may not be the same cohort precisely, but they may be.



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The more independent media we have, the more likely it is Australians generally will understand what is actually going on and be able to form views that reflect reality.

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Edward Abbey

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