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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE
COMMUNICATIONS AND THE ARTS

Chairman: The Hon Bronwyn Bishop MP
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New inquiry: Broadcasting, online content and live production to rural and regional Australia

Bringing the arts, news and other services to rural and regional Australia

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Communications and the Arts has announced a new inquiry into *the importance of public and commercial broadcasting, online content and live production to rural and regional Australia, including the arts, news and other services.*

The Committee Chairman, the Hon Bronwyn Bishop MP, said “it is important that rural and regional Australians have good access to television and radio broadcasts, online content and live productions. People should be able to access and enjoy the arts, and have reliable and relevant news and other services no matter where they live in Australia.”

The Committee will hear from key stakeholders, service providers and communities, to learn about how these important services are currently delivered to rural and regional Australia, and explore ways to help ensure that these communities have access to the arts, news and other services.

The Committee invites submissions to the inquiry by **Friday, 5 February 2016**. For further information on the inquiry or advice on making submissions see the Committee’s website at www.aph.gov.au/communications or contact the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4386.

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