I am an amateur radio operator (vk3vxi) and I know the importance of shortwave radio during natural disasters. Those of us who remember Cyclone Tracy and how all communications with Darwin were cut. Radio Australia at Shepparton became a really important means of communicating with the survivors of Cyclone Tracy until communications were re-established. Amateur radio operators also provide an important back-up at these emergency times, but by far the most important is Radio Australia.

Please reconsider your decision to close Radio Australia.

Rick Morris

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