



Public hearings in Melbourne and Alice Springs – 20-21 July

Tuning into community broadcasting

The key role that community radio and television broadcasting plays for ethnic, indigenous, vision impaired and regional areas will be discussed during public hearings held in Melbourne (20 July) and Alice Springs (21 July). These are the second hearings for the inquiry into community broadcasting being conducted by the Standing Committee on Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

In Melbourne, the Committee will hear from **Channel 31** (C31), which is a not-for-profit television service providing locally-based entertainment, education and information targeting the many diverse communities within Victoria.

A number of radio broadcasters will also appear to outline the vital services they provide to communities. **Vision Australia** operates a network of radio for the print handicapped stations in Victoria and southern NSW. The **National Ethnic and Multicultural Broadcasters' Council** is the peak body representing ethnic broadcasters in Australia, and **3ZZZ** is Melbourne's key ethnic community broadcaster. **Western Radio Broadcasters** operates Stereo 974 FM in Melbourne's western suburbs and **3KND** is Victoria's only indigenous community broadcaster.

In Alice Springs, the **Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association** operates 8KIN FM, and also a recording studio and television production company. **PY Media** and the **Top End Aboriginal Bush Broadcasting Association** assist local and Indigenous groups to develop information services in remote communities. Radio **8CCC** is a general community radio station broadcasting to Alice Springs and Tennant Creek in the Northern Territory.

Committee Chair Jackie Kelly said "Community broadcasting is a feature of the diversity and talent of Australian communities. We want to know what threats there are to its future and how we can ensure the continuing development of a robust network of community broadcasters across Australia."

Public Hearing Program

Melbourne – Thursday 20 July, Flinders Room, Mercure Hotel, 13 Spring St, Melbourne

11.00am C31 (Submission 102)
11.45am Vision Australia - 3RPH (Submission 107)
1.15pm National Ethnic and Multicultural Broadcasters' Council (Submission 108)
2.00pm 3ZZZ (Submission 105)
3.00pm Western Radio Broadcasters (Submission 21)
3.45pm 3KND (Submission 113)

Alice Springs – Friday 21 July, Board Room, CAAMA, 101 Todd St, Alice Springs

1.00pm Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association & 8KIN FM
1.40pm PY Media (Submission 51)
2.20pm Top End Aboriginal Bush Broadcasting Association (Submission 60)
3.00pm 8CCC (Submission 117)

Further details on the inquiry, including the terms of reference and advice on making submissions can be obtained on the Committee's website at www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/cita or by contacting the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4601 or emailing cita.reps@aph.gov.au.

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