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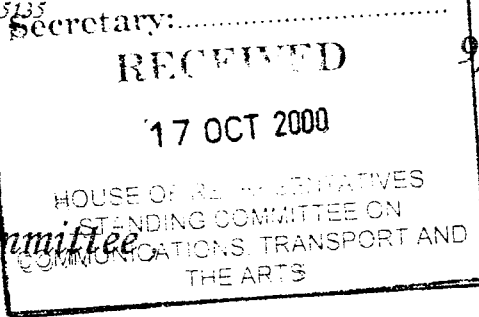
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The Secretary,  
House Communications Committee  
CANBERRA, 2600.

Dear Secretary,

*I as a Farmer, Mother, Secretary and Wife (not necessarily in that order), would like to comment at the level of radio in our area.*

*Our local Radio station (AM) is 2PK Parkes in Central Western NSW. This station is owner by some one out of town and the have local morning session from 6 am till 9 am then the network off some where else till noon then local till 6 pm then net work for the rest of the night.*

*My point being that these stations do not take any interest in the local area. When the station was locally owned if we had a ,Bush fire they use to announce it and we all knew where it was and where to go had to go, now they are not interested..*

*If there were local issues going on in the town they use to have local talk back and we could all put our views forward and it really helped our local communities.*

*We don't need talk backs from Sydney in our local area. They don't do any thing for our local community. This net working needs to be stopped by the Government as they are saving on Announcers but this use to the training ground for young announcers but now that opportunity is not available.*

*ABC in Orange is a good example of local and regional Broadcasting and they need to be congratulated in what they continue to do. 2LVR at Forbes use to be good but it now take on John Laws and that is again Net working.*

*Many of the Country Radio Stations have been bought up by the large companies and they have done away with local broadcasting and I would like you to see if it is possible for these stations be compelled to return to local announcers and local issues. I use to be a regular listener to 2 PK but hardly turn it on because it isn't Local*

*Yours Faithfully,*

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*(Mrs.) Jeanette Barnes.*