



# Changing Lives For Good

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13<sup>th</sup> March 2006

The Secretary  
Standing Committee on Communications, Information Technology and the Arts  
House of Representatives  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

**RE: - COMMUNITY BROADCASTING INQUIRY**

Dear Sir/Madam

We are a completely autonomous community broadcasting radio station catering to the needs of the Christian community within the Peel Valley region. We are based in Tamworth, NSW and reach a potential audience of approximately fifty thousand (50,000) people.

We broadcast a mix of music and pre-recorded talking programmes, interspersed, whenever possible, with interviews with local identities. Of this mix, music (both Australian and imported) is the dominant aspect. We also broadcast an hourly news service whenever the station is manned, as well as providing local community notices for district associations and churches.

Due to the topography of the region and the limitation of our signal towards a television tower, reception of our broadcast service is poor in some areas of the district. Digital technology may well be able to overcome these restrictions as well as strengthening our signal to reach a broader audience.

However, the cost of introducing digital technology to our station would be financially prohibitive to our membership of around one hundred and fifty (150).

We trust that this short submission will be of benefit to the Committee.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn A-Rose".

Glenn A-Rose  
President  
per Jean Wett  
Secretary