

The Committee Secretary
House of Representations Communications Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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Dear Sir/Madam

Radio Industry Inquiry

I refer to the above inquiry and provide the following submission.

Bathurst City Council supports any ongoing efforts to improve and enhance radio services in regional Australia. Bathurst is a growing and vibrant regional centre. Thus radio services remain an important cultural and community service within the city.

The local radio stations 2BS and B-Rock provide invaluable support to the local communities specifically in relation to:

- community service announcements, including announcements in times of emergency (e.g. flooding);
- support to local community/business groups in sponsorship and award programs; and
- access to local, national and international news broadcasts.

Council very much recognises the important community service obligations which are being met by these Stations. Opportunities to enhance or improve local radio stations are therefore strongly supported by Council.

Yours faithfully

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GENERAL MANAGER