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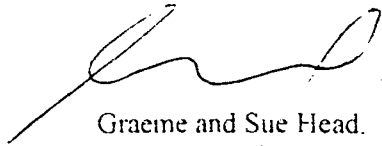
Dear Madam / Sir.

I and my family are concerned of the Governments attitude to the ABC,s Regional funding for its services, and would like to convey the following.

1. Funding of ABC,s rural services should not be cut, but increased as my family has witnessed the services decrease over the last 20 years.
2. The ABC is the only medium that I as a parent can allow our children to use, as commercial services are not of an appropriate nature or environment for children.
3. The ABC,s funding for better coverage in rural areas should be increased:
 - A. As most areas have poor quality reception. on AM and FM.
 - B. Most regional houses are insulated and have sisilation, which cuts down reception in the house or building.
 - C. Country or regional people need 15mtr (50ft) or better towers and specific antennas to receive a noise free ABC reception. (Ie. clock radios, mantle radios, stereo systems, VCR's, TV's, etc.)
 - D. At present country people pay \$900.00 - \$2500.00 including the G.S.T. to have a noise free ABC reception, when our city cousins pay very little.
 - E. The ABC needs to transmit all services in stereo and not Mono or L+R (left plus right channel),as most equipment purchased today is full stereo.

In closing I urge your committee to increase funding to the ABC for regional services.

Yours Faithfully.



Graeme and Sue Head.