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To The Chair,

During the last six months I have become practically blind and am having great difficulty trying to keep up with local and national happenings and news.

The only avenues open to me when I cannot read or write anymore, are through friends passing on news or listening to the Radio. At the present time Radio stations do not cater fully for people in my situation. The ideas and aims of RADIO FOR ALL AUSTRALIANS seem to me to be the ultimate answer to people situated in my position, of whom there must be thousands.

At this point in time I could only hope that responsible people will get behind this project and see that people like me are not a forgotten minority. No one can realise just how devastating it is to be deprived of sight in their later years, especially when one has been actively engaged in community affairs.

Yours faithfully,

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