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Radio Services in non-metropolitan Australia are almost non-existent. We have just three radio FM services in our local area, Hannam Vale, northern NSW, all courtesy of the ABC, one mainly classical music, triple J, and a regional station .

We used to be able to get radio coverage of the horse races on Saturday, courtesy of the ABC, which is now so gutted by the present Government that we now have no radio coverage of the races at all. I have informed the TAB, in 24 pt, on the outside of their own stamped envelopes, that if I cannot hear the races and cannot see them, I certainly will not bet on them and telling them what I think of their coverage.

It seems very odd that in the year 2000 we have less radio services than we had 30 years ago.

Unfortunately, due to downsizing and cost cutting, I doubt the content of digital radio will improve - as with TV, what is the use of highly improved sound and picture when it is the content that matters.

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