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**The Secretary,
House Communications Committee,
Parliament House,
Canberra.....ACT.....2600**

Reference: Adequacy of Radio Services in non-metropolitan Australia.

Dear Sir/Madam,

We wish to respond to the above Enquiry.

We live 25km by road northeast from Bega, NSW and 20km in a direct line from Bega. Our home site is approximately 300 metres above sea level.

We believe that the quantity of Broadcasters is adequate, but the main problem we have is their Signal Strength, which affects our quality of service.

Signal Strengths are:-

- 1. Reception for either AM or FM radio inside a building using a portable radio with inbuilt aerial, only one local station has adequate signal strength. That Station is our local ABC Radio 810AM.**
- 2. 30% only of local AM stations are available in a building using an inbuilt aerial.**
- 3. 50% only of FM local stations are available using only a fixed antennae, roof mounted.**

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- 4. 60% only of all local stations are available through a car radio, with aerial extended.**
- 5. Local Community Radio cannot be accessed in any form.**

As you can see, we do not have an adequate Radio Service, even though we live only a short distance from our broadcast source.

Our recommendation to your enquiry would be for you to investigate Signal Strengths in this area, to allow all citizens to receive an equal and adequate radio service, to enable us to receive adequate local news services, sporting results and community announcements.

We trust you are able to consider the above and act to improve the life style of non-metropolitan residents.

Yours Faithfully,

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