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The SECRETARY,

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS, TRANSPORT & THE ARTS.

Our local council has advised us to make personal submissions to this enquiry, and I wish to make an appeal for a reliable transmission of ABC CLASSIC FM. The weather here apparently impacts on my ability to listen to this; the only true alternative broadcast on any wavelength in the whole of the country. Sometimes I can find it at one end of the dial, then it goes to the other end - sometimes it is crystal clear in both places, a lot of the time it is not available in either place. 7 NT (Northern Tasmanian Regional Radio) is clear most times on both AM and FM, but it is not what I prefer to hear. I am quite actively involved in music in several forms here on King Island, but my access and enjoyment of classical music is severely limited without CLASSIC FM, and I listen to much more radio than I watch TV. I believe I could improve things with a personal satellite dish but the cost of this is well out of my reach, now, or anytime.

There are many ways in which "remoteness" can be reinforced and one is always having to recognise that choices other people take for granted are not even options. That you never count when the word "National" is used. And it is somewhat ironic that technology is to blame - ie. "new" systems that work well in major cities; where people are already very well connected; cut out altogether in so called remote places. King Island is only one hours & plane flight from Melbourne, in fact, where in Australia is not "remote"?

Yours sincerely,

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