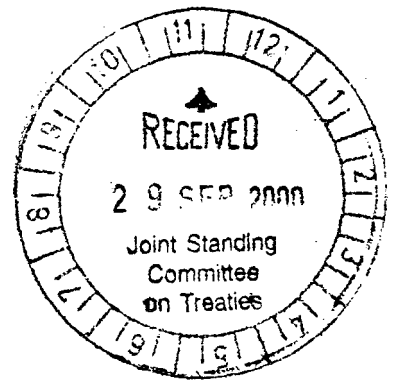


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Dear Sir,

ADEQUACY OF RADIO SERVICES

Having read your advertised request in the Sydney Morning Herald re the above, whilst I am somewhat inadequate to reply to your list of items to be considered, I would greatly urge this matter be reviewed.

Having lived most of my life in Sydney and enjoyed the good radio broadcast there I feel I would have to adjust the title of your subject to "The Inadequacy.....  
Local radio for me is 96.3; Radio National 96.9; Classic FM 93.7. For my mature taste and tying in with the items listed on your advertisement, I would say that local radio is too local and there is ample sport and news. Radio National has an afternoon presenter who mainly plays music until Philip Adams' repeat of LNL. As you would be aware Classic FM is mainly music although recently we have been hearing for the zillionth time a repeat of "My Music". Whilst that programme is good and quite witty it really is ancient.

As a suggested solution is there any possibility of the metropolitan broadcasting being transmitted nationwide as is Radio National. Then one could choose to tune in to the metropolitan stations without a short wave radio. Perhaps this could be under the heading of new technologies. Again, to my taste the idea of more localised radio does not appeal. We were once in south west Australia when local ABC put a call out that a campervan had been stolen from a supermarket car park, which apparently wasn't too great a problem. The problem was the dear little "not too well" dog that was inside! How local can you get? It could almost have been a tongue in cheek lampoon - unfortunately it wasn't.

As you would no doubt already be aware older listeners are quite radio oriented. (The wireless, no less). People like Alan Bates and Dennis Potter do say part of their education was gained through the BBC. One can listen to the radio and do other things. It doesn't seem quite so mind numbing as television.

If nothing else, perhaps my letter has added power to your elbow. We really do need a higher standard of radio programmes in non-metropolitan areas.

Yours faithfully,

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