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Dear Madam or Sir,

As a ~~non-metropolitan~~ daily listener to radio and a "Friend of the ABC" group I would like to make some comments on the subject.

- I am in my mid 60's, have listened to the radio for as long as I can remember so have noted many changes in this time, namely:
- The wider choice now in all ABC networks.
  - What a relief it was to be able to listen to an ABC station in summer which did not broadcast only cricket!
  - being able to get the same programmes as my friends and family in the metropolitan area.

This is Monday 23rd October and I am listening to "Life Matters" on Radio National, listening to a State Ward, co-founder of CLAN ~~and~~ organisation set up to help people who grew up without family. Not one Government representative accepted the invitation to attend their inaugural meeting recently. This is the

information I want to hear on our radio on our ABC. To find out what our tax is being spent on, which groups are missing out on help from Government.

I am interested in rural news as I have lived in this area all my married life. But I also want to be kept in touch with what is happening in other parts of the world. Especially in countries close to us.

Wishing you every success in your public enquiry into the "Adequacy of Radio Services in Non-Metropolitan Australia."

Yours sincerely,  
Madeline Purcell