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**REGIONAL RADIO: IS IT GOOD ENOUGH?**

- ? Should the Government take action to improve the quantity and quality of radio services in regional Australia?
- ? What are the benefits and influence of radio broadcasting in regional Australia?
- ? What effect does the networking of radio programs have on people living and working in non-metropolitan Australia (particularly in relation to local content, local news and sports services, and local community service announcements)?
- ? Will new technologies, such as digital radio, allow for more localised radio services?

These are some of the questions being asked by the House Communications Committee in its inquiry into the adequacy of commercial, community and public radio services in regional and rural Australia.

'There is still time for people to let us know what they think about regional radio services; about how services have changed over the years; and about how they should change in future' said Paul Neville, Chair of the Committee.

'While the early response has been quite exceptional, we are particularly interested in hearing from local business organisations, community groups, clubs and individuals.'

'Radio has always been a crucial element in the social and economic fabric of regional Australia and getting a 'grass roots' perspective on what is good and bad about radio services in regional Australia is an important part of our inquiry' Mr Neville said.

Submissions should be sent, by Friday 27 October 2000, to the following address:

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