

EVANS SHIRE COUNCIL

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The Committee Secretary,
House of Representatives
Communications Committee,
Parliament House,
CANBERRA. ACT. 2600

House of Representatives Standing
Committee on Communications,
Transport and the Arts

Submission No: 128

Date Received: 26/10/00

Secretary: Janet Holmes

Dear Committee Secretary,

I write in response to the Radio Industry Enquiry which has been established to enquire into and report on the adequacy of radio services in Regional and Rural Australia and the extent to which there is a need for the government to take action in relation to the quantity and quality of radio services in Regional and Rural Australia.

Council wishes to comment on the standard of service that is presently provided in the Bathurst region by Bathurst Broadcasters Pty. Ltd.

There is no doubt that Bathurst Broadcasters Pty. Ltd. have provided a responsive and important means of communication within the rural community. In particular Council wishes to comment on the invaluable assistance provided in times of emergency which, from time to time, has an enormous effect on the Evans Shire rural community. In times of bush fire and flood Bathurst Broadcasters Pty. Ltd. have provided a valuable resource which complements and assists the emergency services in a significant manner. The ready co-operation of the local radio station takes a great load off the emergency controllers who are required to make important tactical decisions to accommodate the respective emergencies. The ready assistance of Bathurst Broadcasters, particularly in supplying updated information for the community takes an enormous load off the emergency controllers which allows them to do their job more effectively and efficiently.

Council enjoys a particularly warm relationship with Bathurst Broadcasters Pty. Ltd. and is always ready to provide assistance in the dissemination of community service announcements and with special events such as Local Government Week.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours faithfully,


Graeme Taylor,
General Manager.



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