

*Crookwell Shire Council- Submission to Radio Industry Inquiry.*

There are 2 local stations that broadcast into the Crookwell Shire; AM station 2GN and 93.5 Eagle FM (both from Goulburn).

Whilst these stations provide an adequate “service” the Crookwell Shire has poor radio reception. This impacts on the standard of reception available throughout the Shire. In that respect the reception varies in different locations and also at differing times. It is understood that the broadcast signal of 2GN is 2000kw compared to the ABCs’ 5000kw.

From Crookwell Shire Council s’ perspective it is considered that the lack of a consistent radio signal impacts on the social well being of the community and also the economic attraction of the area for both business and residential growth. Like other telecommunication matters it is essential that uniform standards be available and applied across the nation. Council is aware that there are some self-help funding arrangements available. Whilst recognising these opportunities it is still considered that the telecommunication issue is one of national significance and should not be left to individual communities to solve.

Yours Faithfully,

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