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Subject: Adequacy of radio services in non-metropolitan Australia.

This is a response to the above inquiry for:

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and
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AM Radio.

There are two AM radio stations heard in the Rainbow district during daylight hours. They seem to transmit from Swan Hill and from Horsham.

Apart from there being football football football on both frequencies during the season, each is a strong signal. The inquiry is to do with the quality and effect of programming so while I hesitate to condemn the programming of so much football, access to AM alternatives to football are not available in this Mallee area (north of Dimboola, south of Hopetoun - on the banks of Lake Hindmarsh).

FM Radio.

Alternatives could be provided on the ABC Classic FM frequency which, as a result of my various contacts with the ABC seems to be unavailable to us as a signal because of our geographic location. The ABC indicate that there are no funds or plans to remedy the situation for us here, being just outside the listening area. The Classic FM programs can sometimes be heard but fade in and out as the day advances, as a rule.

As ABC Classic FM is an entertainment transmission (witness the detailed **24 Hours** Program guide), we suggest that the extension of this programming further into non-metropolitan areas would bring the only national presentation of this kind of radio entertainment to the rest of Australia. This will give non-metropolitan radio listeners a full range of radio listening choices which are currently reserved for larger centres.

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