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Mr Grant Harrison
Committee Secretary
House Communications Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA 2600

Dear Sir,

Re: Inquiry into the adequacy of radio services in non-metropolitan Australia

My electorate of Flinders is a semi-rural area which takes in the Mornington Peninsula, French Island, Phillip Island and the coastal areas surrounding Western Port Bay.

From time to time, I have had complaints from my constituents about the poor radio reception in many parts of my electorate. There is little or no regional radio in the area and for the most part my constituents attempt to pick up Melbourne radio stations. Many of the Melbourne stations have a lot of interference and some cannot be picked up at all. 3AW for example can be received clearly in some parts of Somerville whilst a few streets away constituents complain that it cannot be received at all.

Very few constituents are able to pick up the parliamentary broadcast station.

Radio reception in my electorate office at Hastings is particularly poor although I understand that the building may be a contributing factor in that instance.

I believe that improved radio reception and additional broadcasting facilities would be of benefit to a large proportion of my constituents.

Yours sincerely,

HON PETER REITH MP

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