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THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS,
HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE,
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DEAR SIR,

This submission follows that which may or may not have been forwarded by 27 October 2000.

The uncertainty follows activities by volunteer staff in preparing a submission from a draft provided.

The submission was drafter about four headings.

1. Social benefits, quality of life in areas covered by community radio
2. Future trends in radio broadcasting.
3. The effect in individuals, family small businesses.
4. The potential for new technicology.

The following attempts to answer the above but the BOTTOM LINE in assessing performance is simply the successful broadcast of the whole music spectrum, interviews and community support. (enclosure 1)

2YOU-FM has in some way filled the void when 2TM closed their CMR. 2YOU-FM has always presented country programmes, supporting artists and entertainers with on air interviews and air play for their recording. This support for country lies within the music spectrum.

However there are others who play country continuously. 2YOU-FM provides a variety of stereo music.

HEADING 1. The station operates 24 hours, 7 days weekly, with a wide and varied programme format based on stereo music. Country has its place with rock, jazz, easy listening, and classical. All presenters are knowledgeable of the music played to present an interesting format. Talk shows Alan Jones 8 x 9am and John Laws 9 x 12pm, commenced in May 2000 and have proved to be a draw card with listeners. Interviews in studio and in the field are encouraged and there follows that there is something 'magic' in hearing ones voice on radio.

HEADING 2. All presenters and staff are volunteers, Since going to air at that never to be forgotten event at 5,00pm on July 1983, in excess of 25 young and some not so young have secured active broadcasting in ABC, Commercial and Community Radio, as the result of training and experience gained at the 2YOU-FM console.

Heading 3. There is opportunity in networking programmes and items such as news, sport, weather etc. While tuned to 2YOU-FM listeners do not have to turn a knob or flick a switch to get news and sport - and forget to turn it back again. While networking covers the 'big picture' the return to local community radio covers the 'small picture'!

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HEADING 4. New techniques with its changeover cost will have to be closely investigated to justify any reorganisation of technical services and the ability to cover the area.

HEADING 3. Recap Heading 3, the matter of finance should be covered in Heading 3. Community radio depends on grants but more on sponsorship finance. We in the world of radio entertainment have seen over the years the effect of the growth of outlets to 'split the dollar' In the case of 2YOU-FM, efficient canvassing for sponsorship support is the means of staying 'on air'.

A brief history for reflection.

Following the opening of the frequency channels, Tamworth Broadcasting Society INC was launched in the early 80s . Various meetings were held and test broadcasts and as a result of business support a hearing was held in 1982, a license granted and the station went to air as above in July 1983, with studio in the basement of a former hotel then used as a computer centre, courtesy of the management with land lines to the transmitter on Bald Hill, overlooking the city and Peel Valley.

in 1985 the society took over a former recording studio in Peel Street and converted it to a radio centre.

In 1999 the society took up a lease with Tamworth City Council for a former gate keepers cottage adjacent to the Darling Street level crossing. This is taking time to convert a two bedroom cottage into a radio centre, within the constraints of the Heritage Commission.

The society looks forward to the results of the Standing Committee.

The society appreciates the opportunity of attending the hearing in Tamworth on Wednesday 31 January next.

Yours faithfully,



GEORGE NETHERY OAM.

DIRECTOR.

George Nathery.

Inaugural chairman at the Tribunal hearing and the successful launch of the station in 1983. chairman 1983 - 1985.

Member of the Board of Directors 1985 - 2001. Involved in all facets of Community Radio, currently Current Affairs Producer.

ENCLOSURE 1.A selection of Community
organisations regularly supported by
the society.

State & Federal Government Departments and local Offices.
Tamworth City & Parry Shire Councils
The City Gallery and Library.
The Local Area Police Command.
The Police and Community Youth Club.
Ambulance and Aero Medical Services.
The local Fire Services.
New England Health Services.
Life Line promotions.
St. Vincent de Paul Society.
The Smith Family.
The Challenge Foundation.
The Country Womens Association.
The Cancer Council of Australia.
Tamworth Chamber of Commerce.
Tamworth Development Corporation.
Local RSL Sub Branches.
The Education Department and local Schools.
Tamworth TAFE.
The University of New England.
Local Child Care Centres.
Local Seniors Events.
Gift of Time.
Meals on Wheels.
Billabong Clubhouse.
A.C.A.D.
Life Education.
The Tamworth Regional Conservatorium of Music.
Local Service Clubs such as, Rotary, Apex, Lions, Probus, View,
Quota, etc...