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Janet Holmes
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Parliament House
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Dear Ms Holmes

Submission - Radio Industry Inquiry

Tweed Shire Council would like to make a submission to the Radio Industry Inquiry regarding several local issues affecting the Radio industry in the Tweed.

- Access to radio stations immediately south of the Queensland / New South Wales border can create some level of confusion during daylight savings periods. This problem is compounded by the fact a majority of radio content is developed for Gold Coast audiences. This requires local stations to announce times and determine programming for both time zones (Eastern Standard Time (EST)(Qld) and Eastern Daylight Savings Time (EDST) (NSW)).
- There is a distinctive lack of local access to Parliamentary broadcasts such as house debates and Parliamentary news services. This has traditionally been serviced by Radio Australia however this station is now restricted to the major urban centres.

Can these issues be given due consideration in this current Inquiry.

Yours faithfully



Don Buckley
Acting General Manager