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The Committee Secretary
House Communications Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA. ACT 2600

House of Representatives Standing
Committee on Communications,
Transport and the Arts

Submission No: 86

Date Received: 24/10/00

Secretary: Janet Holmes

Dear Janet

Bogan Shire Council wrote to the ABC earlier in the year regarding concerns we had about inadequate radio services in regional NSW. The reply we received indicated that no action could be taken to improve this situation.

I enclose a copy of our letter to the ABC for the consideration of this inquiry.

Yours sincerely

R L Donald

MAYOR

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20th March 2000

Mr George Baczocha
Manager
ABC Radio Transmissions
Box 9994 GPO
ULTIMO 2001

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Dear Mr Baczocha

On behalf of Bogan Shire Council and many ABC radio listeners in Bogan Shire centered at Nyngan, I am writing to you about the strength and clarity of the FM signal from 2CR Western Plains at Dubbo. From 6am till 7.45am on weekday mornings, the program from 2CR Western Plains, Dubbo is far more orientated to listeners in the Shires of Bogan, Bourke, Cobar, Warren, Lachlan, Brewarrina and Walgett for programs like market reports, weather, news, rural reports, community information and notices of events, than the 2CR Tablelands program from Orange.

However, because of the reasonably weak signal (25W Power) many people cannot receive a good reception in our Shire, and miss out on interviews and other program content for this area that is not available through the stronger tablelands AM program from Orange.

A limited reception for 2CR Western Plains (Dubbo) is available from 657AM at Byrock, but I believe the transmitter and reception area is aimed more north into Queensland, west and south of Byrock than to areas east of that transmitter. The power is far less (10,000 W) than Cumnock (50,000 W) that transmits the Orange station, so the areas around our Shire are still restricted in receiving the Western Plains program.

I am therefore asking you to consider an upgrade of the transmitter at Byrock to enable the 2CR Western Plains signal and programs to be clearly heard on the 657AM band in a far greater radius from Byrock than the present situation permits.

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Manager, ABC Radio Transmissions
Box 9994 GPO, Ultimo 2001

20th March 2000

The ABC is to be commended for establishing the station at Dubbo with far better access to regional radio for people in these western areas. They feel the ABC staff at Dubbo identify with, and better understand their industries and community needs since this station was established. It therefore seems counter-productive that the FM signal fails to reach many of these people, who would receive a far stronger reception of the Byrock transmitter was strengthened for the AM band 657.

I hope you will be able to give this suggestion favourable consideration in the next ABC budget.

Yours sincerely



R L Donald
MAYOR

Cc Mr Andrew Dunkley
2CR ABC Western Plains
45 Wingewarra Street
DUBBO 2830

Copy letter for your information.