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Secretary: June Holmes

The Secretary,
House Communications Committee,
Parliament House,
Canberra, A.P.T., 2600
Dear Sir,

Firstly could I point out that 40 years ago at Laura here, on the southern end of Cape York Peninsula, we could receive 4 @ N (Townsville regional ABC) 24 hours a day, on our small radios. Now the only service we have available to us by radio (through our modern microwave towers) is regional ABC radio originating from Longreach. This I think you would agree is not a very satisfactory service for people living in Cape York as they are very dependant on their local A.B.C. (Laura) for weather reports, road conditions, river levels, cyclone reports, and market reports.

Secondly could I say that we in this area very much miss the racing results on the A.B.C. This of course applies to all remote areas. Perhaps the A.B.C could give some consideration to a modified version of the racing coverage they originally provided and so suddenly terminated. Could I suggest that we receive

scratchings, race broadcast & dividends. This would eliminate the market fluctuations etc. that were previously included and took up so much time.

Finally, could I say that one of my greatest disappointments ~~that~~ in life was that I was unable to watch one event of the recent Olympics. We were the host nation, we are supposed to be a very progressive nation, and yet this town was unable to receive the coverage on T.V. We only receive A.B.C. T.V. We appreciated the wonderful coverage by A.B.C. radio but as you can imagine radio has its limitations for an event like the Olympics.

Thank you, and I hope your committee can remedy some of these deficiencies in services to remote areas and that your report is treated with some urgency.

Yours sincerely,
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