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The Secretary,

Standing Committee on Communications, Transport and the Arts.

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

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write in reference to your inquiry with information I would have forwarded earlier, had the Senator assisting the Minister, Senator The Hon. Ian Cambell, had the foresight to inform me of the inquiry when writing to me in November last year.

My concern is the satellite radio station 621 easily listening music which broadcasts here.

1. The music they play is terrific.
2. Their time call for Western ustralia states that we are **one** hour behind the eastern states not **three** hours as it is now with daylight saving.
3. The news service is at least 2 hours behind the actual event. So things like football scores are allegedly being read out at half time, when in fact the game has finished. Moreover major news stories are very often repeated again and again.

The Senator refereed me to the Australian Broadcasting Authority, who in turn wrote and suggested I complain to the station myself and if I had no satisfaction to complete an enclosed form and forward it to the ABA, if I had no satisfaction within 60 days.

So after three letters we're still stuck with the same format.

Subsequently their actions have prompted me to ask these questions of the committee.

1. Why couldn't the senator or the ABA make one phone call and point these people in the right direction?
2. What is the point of having a ministry and the Authority if what can only be described as a simple matter, is dumped back into the constituents lap?
3. Why wasn't I informed by the Senator of this inquiry when I wrote to him in November?

I do not have the authority to ask these people to rectify the matter that is way I wrote to the senator in the first place.

Perhaps this incident will go somewhere toward explaining why the electorate has had a gutful of the direction the political system has taken in these past few years.

Yours Faithfully,

John M. Bain.