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Subject: loss of regional radio

Committee Secretary,RADIO INDUSTRY INQUIRY,House of Representatives.

Dear Sir,

I wish to register my utter disgust at the situation I now find myself in,thanks to Bill Caralis.

As far as I'm concerned,Mr. Caralis has turned radio back fifty years in regional New South Wales.

I was previously able to listen to Country Music of a weekend between 6:00 P.M. & 6:00 A.M. & also after midnight of a week day.

Not any more.

Of a weekend,the weather forecast was second to none.

The country music & also the weather reports were from 2TM,relayed through my local station,2MG,as were storm warnings,road reports,etc.

We have nothing like this now.

The news I receive now is pathetic to say the least,the result being that I keep my radio turned off...occasionally turning it on to hear the news.

Thanks to modern technology I now listen to country music whenever I like.....

Not from an Australian regional station though.....I listen to Alabama 100, a country music station from Anniston,Alabama.

I listen to this station live on the internet.

Good music,good station....Have flown to the USA,& have met the people at the radio station.....Communicate by 'phone & email with the music director & one of the d.j's.

The only problem I see with this arrangement is that I don't hear any Australian music or hear any Australian advertising.

I feel that the losers here are the Australian country music industry & the local business proprietors.

I also feel that in this day & age it is absolutely absurd that I am unable to listen to a suitable radio station in my area.

I am not in remote outback Australia,I am only three & a half hours drive from Sydney?

Please,let us stop one man in Sydney deciding what we can listen to in regional NSW & southern QLD,get some local content back on the airwaves.

Yours sicerely,

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