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The Committee Secretary
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Dear Sir

RE: RADIO INDUSTRY INQUIRY

I refer to the above and enclose Council's submission for your consideration.

Yours faithfully


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Cook Shire Council has an area of 11,300,000 hectares with an approximate population of 5000 people.

The Shire has six (6) townships in its area and the towns have a very poor radio reception and some none at all. The poor ABC reception that can be received is not the local Cairns ABC but Longreach ABC in Central Queensland.

Council's concern is that shire residents cannot be informed or advised of any impending threat to them such as cyclones or floods in the area. For Coastal townships the threat of a cyclone or tidal surge is very real and in such a condition there is no means of contact to advise residents of the situation to prepare themselves.

Council firmly believes that all shire residents should have access to radio broadcasting for Community Information and News.