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

Dear Sir/ Madam,

As suppliers of information to the Bureau of Meteorology, we are very concerned at the lack of detail relayed by the radio services to the general public, concerning the rainfalls and river heights. We know the regional offices receive these details as we have contacted them when we have not heard our information relayed in the rainfall and river height information .

We are on the Mackenzie River which is part of the Fitzroy catchment in Central Queensland. Our own recording station is downstream from areas of prime concern. Without the details of rainfalls in the upper catchment we do not know what to expect at times and it can be alarming to find a large rise in the river when there has been no local rain and no information concerning this possibility.

People further downstream are also greatly affected and often use us as a means of getting details when these should have been supplied by the radio reports. Everyone in the country ,or should I say rural areas, listens to the news and weather and the details are so mcagre unless it's going to have some affect on the larger cities. Then we hear of every drop.

Once these reports were comprehensive and we knew what to expect. Not everyone has access to e-mail and faxes, and those of us who do find them very expensive, where the radio is available to all, out in the field, on the road and in the home.

Don't make life in the country any harder.

Yours faithfully,

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For
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