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Extra information
To be honest I have accepted

25M's morning and evening talk back radio programmes and their presentors.

If given a choice I would prefer to have Paul Selley of Australia Tonight 2MO-2UE host talk on radio in this area.

To his credit Paul Selley always treated members of Parliament with respect during interviews, the courtesy was extended to members of the public. I rarely agreed with Paul Selley's opinion on many issues but Paul had the knack of drawing people together as a family of sorts.

I would say Magpie from Bengara became the most loved and respected caller on radio. Through this medium Magpie was invited to be a special guest speaker at Grey Powers, Grey Mardi Gras celebration in Lynnedah.

many listeners to 25M, were very upset over an incident that took place when Mike Williams was stand in host during Andrew Moore's abuser. On Wed 13, 9, 2000, Magpie rang to wish former host Paul Selley a happy birthday, Mike took offence and words were exchanged, Callers then rang in to defend Mag. Mike responded by saying "All you people take your turn. Silly little brains and flush yourselves out on the cathouse. On SAT 16/9/2000 callers to Mike Williams program were invited

to call in and give their opinion on Kathy Freeman lighting the Olympic flame. Callers who favoured Kathy were treated with respect, but others who didn't like Kathy doing so were treated as racist especially one woman who gave her view. The next caller a man then proceeded to mock "Mrs Magpie" and suggested that she sounded like the previous caller. (Mrs Magpie reference to call on 2SM 13-9-2000) Mike made no effort to stop the man and then made disparaging remarks about Magpie's locks and gave out her Christian name (Magpie has a silent number for personal reasons). Other callers were also condemned for their comments about Olympic flame lighting. Magpie was not listening to ¹⁶⁻⁹⁻²⁰⁰⁰ 2SM and made no calls to this programme. I was offended for Magpie as she is least racist person I know.

It is not in my nature to report anyone and really do not want this to be a complaint as such. At the time I felt Magpie should have received an apology. I hope this inquiry will address the rights of callers to talk back radio to be treated with respect.

Not all people have the gift of publically expressing their views. Utilitarian laws should apply for all Australians.

Thanking you
Mrs J. Law.

PS. I have tried to present my information in an honest manner from notes I made at the time. Radio should have a code of decency placed on it because at times ^{some} morning announcers cross boundaries of accepted behaviour.