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The Secretary  
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I refer to the inquiry into radio services in regional and rural Australia.

I am 52 years of age and I have lived most of my life outside the capital cities in Queensland, Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

In some areas only Radio Australia has been available. In others regional ABC on the AM band has offered the best reception and programming over commercial stations. In recent years there has been a proliferation of FM band coverage by both the ABC and others.

These days I listen predominantly to ABC Classic FM and sometimes to Radio National, Local ABC Radio and News Radio. I never listen to commercial radio as I find the programming is pathetic and the advertising is irritating.

I hope that your committee makes a strong recommendation to the government that funding for all branches of ABC Radio is increased to improve it's coverage and to maintain it's high standard of programming.

I must emphasize that I would view the intrusion of commercial interests into ABC Radio and the ABC as a whole as nothing short of a disaster.

The ABC belongs to the Australian people and political and private interference will not be tolerated.

Regards, Glen Daly



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