

SUBMISSION 1

Committee Secretariat

Terms of reference

1.a. communication

I have lived on Christmas Island for 29 years and have yet to have this problem resolved, despite many efforts, including representation and requests to the last 5 administrators....all to no avail.

Sports lovers just want to be afforded the same privileges as the mainland... ie an uninterrupted sporting coverage via radio.

The reason we can't is because that frequency is shared with the local radio station 6RCI

I have been told that it is a very simple procedure to have WA 720FM (ABC RAdio) on its own dedicated frequency; but the powers to be (whoever that may be) will not entertain the idea.

No one will take responsibility.

Who is responsible ?????

To whom can I write to put my case on behalf of many other like minded people past present and future.

1.b. I have been involved in private enterprise for many years

since retiring as a schoolteacher and transport costs and efficiency can make running a business extremely difficult.

The main problem is holding any company dealing with Christmas Island accountable.

We have had success through the Government Ombudsman in some cases but matters should not reach such extremes.

The ACCC does not want to know about Christmas Island and the only course of action appears to be legal aid, just to get someone accountable for their actions.

I believe there should be a department where residents of Indian Ocean Territories can air their grievances and look for guidance and be treated with a sense of urgency and importance.

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