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Senator Alston and Fellow Ministers,

I Kim Rowlands have been in the broadcasting industry for several years. Being an enthusiast, I would like to commit myself to radio as a career. However it has become of great concern that the content that is being broadcast at all times of every day the level of blatant immorality and what appears to be the obsession toward promiscuity with the incredible lack of responsibility and accountability. There seems to be no watchdog to check the deluge of vulgarity and what is becoming pornographic content available to all ages.

The Australian Broadcasting Authority is like a toothless tiger in maintaining adequate standards. I am not a fanatical, unreasonable idealist, but a family man who shares this view with the silent majority.

Some people have suggested that you cannot police morals, but I suggest that if we followed this school of thinking then we would abolish almost every law against any and every crime. The style of broadcasting is becoming just that and a crime against family values and is rotting the very fabric of society.

I think that, myself, and many others want popular music and programming without the baggage. Our dilemma is simple; we do not have that choice. Parents and youth want and need this.

I believe that it is our democratic right so will you please, provide us with this freedom of greater choice?

In conclusion and in a nutshell I believe there are two polarized types of broadcasting. Either conservative radio or the controversial, which you and I know are monopolized by the huge networks, governed by a few. Their kind of ideals are what we hear ad nauseum and I do not believe charismatic Christian stations are the answer. It is simply that we have far too much of these kind of stations, which I have just mentioned, but we do not have the freedom of choice for wholesome popular radio which could be available to all demographic niches.

I strongly believe we need more independent operators, also I believe that there is a mandate and moral obligation to either help clear up the airways or provide us with someone who can give us the product we need, referring to all available market nationally

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