## 4 June 2001

Andrea Griffiths
The Secretary
Senate ECITA Legislation Committee,
S1.57, Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Griffiths,

FOXTEL makes the following submission in relation to the Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill (No.2) 2001 (BLAB2):

FOXTEL is Australia's largest pay-TV provider with more than 725,000 subscribers at June 2001.

FOXTEL is a member of the Australian Subscription and Television Radio Association (ASTRA) and FOXTEL endorses ASTRA's submission to the Senate ECITA Legislation Committee in relation to BLAB2.

In particular, FOXTEL supports BLAB2 in its current form in relation to sports antisiphoning, with the qualification that FOXTEL would prefer a 10 week automatic delisting period compared with the six weeks contained in BLAB2.

FOXTEL is available to assist the Committee with information it may require in relation to this issue and is willing to appear as part of an ASTRA group before the proposed public hearing by the Committee in to BLAB2 issues on Friday 8 June 2001.

I can be contacted on 02 9200 1453, or by email at <a href="mailto:furnessm@foxtel.com.au">furnessm@foxtel.com.au</a>, if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,

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