



30 March 2016

**Submission re: Proposed LAP variation: Remote Central and Eastern Australia Radio.**

**ACMA Consultation Number: 5/2016**

Further to our previous correspondence with regard to ACMA File Reference No. 2010/1753, we would again like to express our grave concern and our confusion with regard to a proposed broadcast service from Bocoble, just 70 kilometres from Bathurst.

As we understand it, the intent of Remote Broadcasting Licences was to provide services where none existed. We would respectfully suggest that the 61 families and 241 people of Bocoble could be better served by the radio stations that already share a community of interest in their immediate vicinity. These being the commercial radio stations located in Mudgee, Bathurst and Orange, rather than introducing what would potentially become a competitor in all three markets. This would not appear to be in the spirit under which Remote Radio Services were established.

We would suggest that a much more practical and viable alternative to the proposed remote service would be to extend the LAP's of the three current radio markets to ensure radio listeners in Bocoble receive a better signal from the local radio stations they currently listen to.

At present we are more concerned about the lack of resources and the availability of frequencies with regard to AM / FM Conversion and the pressing issues for the main stream commercial sector, including the availability of a frequency to deal with our current urgent signal problems and this should perhaps take precedence.

Yours sincerely

**BATHURST BROADCASTERS PTY LIMITED**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Phil Cole'.

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**GENERAL MANAGER**

