

To
The Manager
Broadcasting Carriage Policy Section
Australian Communications and Media Authority

Dear Sir/Ms

Thank you for your invitation for Shoalhaven Community Radio Inc (2UUU Fm) to make a submission to ACMA's proposal to vary the Nowra LAP.

In respect of Proposal 1, in relation to commercial radio service 2ST, we agree with the proposal in its entirety.

We agree with Proposal 2, that 2UUU, operating on the frequency of 92.3 MHz in the Nowra RA2 licence area, be allowed an increase in power to 200 W from 10 W ERP. We agree that that this proposal is an economic and efficient use of spectrum that is likely to promote the objects in section 3 of the BSA.

However, please note that the 92.3 transmitter is not actually located at Coolangatta mountain, but at Moeyan Hill. The details are correct on the ACMA database.

Note the original licence power of 92.3 of 10 watts was approved for the operation of the transmitter for operation on the Coolangatta Mountain, but after this approval was granted, we discovered this was unsuitable due lack of accessibility; so, the transmitter was therefore located at its current position, on Moeyan Hill. As, at this location, 10 watts was insufficient, so in 2014, we lodged an application to ACMA for permission to increase the power of this transmitter to 200 watts. The current transmitter at Moeyan Hill is operating at 100 watts.

So, we agree with the proposal to increase the power of the 92.3 transmitter to 200 W ERP.

We also agree with Proposal 3, to make minor amendments to technical specifications. We have no objection to ACMA seeking views from the community and in particular from prospective licensees as to whether there is interest in providing a new commercial radio broadcasting service in the Nowra area.

However, we would also like to further propose that Shoalhaven Community Radio Inc also be approved to establish a 5 watt translator to cover the Kiama area, in order for UUU Fm to also broadcast its services to the population of Kiama.

This area is within the Nowra LAP.

It would represent an economic and efficient use of spectrum that is likely to promote the objectives of section 3 of the BSA, making available to the Kiama population a more diverse range of radio services.

Thus, we should provide the population of Kiama (about 15,000 residents) with a diverse mix of news, current affairs, and diverse genres of music. Given the links between the population of Kiama and the regions in the north of the Shoalhaven, it would benefit both the Kiama and

Shoalhaven communities. In fact, the station's 104.5 frequency already broadcasts to just south of Kiama.

We note that in respect of your consideration of a new commercial radio broadcasting service, you state: "if a new commercial radio broadcasting service in an area is to be planned, it should be done with a view to enabling, as far as is possible, service coverage of the full licence area." We consider that we also should be able to provide coverage of the full licence area, including Kiama.

If a translator service is granted to 2UUU for Kiama, our intention would be to negotiate the sharing of space with Christian Community Radio 94.1 at Saddleback Mountain or possibly 2ST.

kind regards

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