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To Whom it May Concern

I write to give comment to the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) regarding proposed changes to the Nowra Radio Licence Area Plan (LAP).

At this point in time, in our post bushfire world in the Shoalhaven, I don't support the creation of an additional radio licence for our region. There is currently only enough advertising and sponsorship to keep our current station afloat and any decision for an additional licence should be postponed for at least another three years to allow for sufficient economic recovery in the area.

Both 2ST and Power FM provide a fantastic level of service to the local community already. During the recent bushfire emergency, both stations were live for a number of days right throughout. The level of coverage provided was exceptional.

The local newspapers and TV are no longer covering local issues to the level they used to due to financial pressures on those sectors. Any further pressure on the local commercial stations can only result in the community losing more local coverage.

Any reduction in revenue for 2ST and Power FM would likely result in reduction of staffing levels and this will impact on the level of localism at stations provide to the community and this would not be of benefit to the community.

If you need further information about this matter, please contact me on 4429 3251. Please quote Council's reference 63217E (D20/71515).

Kind regards

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