

The Manager
Economics and Market Analysis
Australian Communications and Media Authority
PO BOX 13112 LAW COURTS
Melbourne Vic

Dear Sir

Re: Licence fee reduction

I bring to your attention that 3xy Radio Hellas (ACMA narrowcast licence 1422AM) has been in existence for over 25 years and continues to provide valuable and important services to the huge Greek/Australian Community of Victoria.

We play a very important role in keeping our listeners engaged and connected to their local community providing them with the latest local, National and International news. Our role has been even more important during the social isolation restrictions imposed during the Corona Virus Pandemic as we continue to provide 24 hours a day quality social, informative programs and valuable companionship to thousands of our listeners. SBS only provide 2 hours a day of Greek programs.

The licence fee changes in 2016 payable by commercial broadcaster's were reduced substantially resulting in fees paid by commercial radio being currently \$3,648.00 per annum compared to the narrowcast licence holders like ourselves paying a substantial difference of \$40,940.00 per annum

This we find unfair and unreasonable. We do not know why narrowcast licence owners are paying such an excessive fee compared to commercial licence owners we find this very disappointing and ask that the fees be reduced to at least the same or less level.

We believe our request to be a very reasonable one.

Over the years we have existed with limited Government advertising, community and local business support. The Pandemic has affected many businesses and our organisation substantially, and this has not made things easier for the foreseeable future. Due to this we ask as a matter of urgency that the fees be reduced substantially to assist narrowcast license holders to continue to provide valuable services to the many diverse communities.

I respectfully would appreciate your urgent attention to this important issue

Yours Sincerely


Ross Alatsas
General Manager