TO :   Broadcast Engineering Planning, The Australian Communications and Media Authority

Dear Sirs and/or Madames,

I write from 6SEN Capital Community Radio, Perth RA1 community broadcaster on FM at 101.7MHz, and on DAB+, with approval of our Chairman, Richard Eddy. We have 2 questions regarding the recently released Perth RA1 Licence Area Plan proposed FM transformation out for comment/consultation. We hope you have answers that will help guide our stations formal submission to your request for same, viz:

1. Can we have you consider (by way of our formal submission in due course) a change of FM broadcast frequency to allow us stay at our current ARDROSS site, rather than moving 101.7MHz to Walliston, which in Option 1 is proposed by you as essential if Option 1 is formalised, with us moving to one of the new FM allocations , and one of the other allocations being given 101.7MHz?
2. If any of the other options (2 to 5) become the final plan, do we then nominally retain our FM transmission at Ardross, and will it remain as 101.7MHz?

We are in a situation in which, with our current FM transmission location at Wireless Hill Park, ARDROSS, WA it costs us nil for mast antenna space and well under $1,000 per year for our studio premises rent, both courtesy of our landlord, the City of Melville and also have a significant discount on our total electricity bill, further improved by courtesy of a joint significant solar power infrastructure project by our two organisations. Thus we are blessed with a much lower cost than usual for the two major operating costs of any broadcast radio station, rent and power.

To move our FM transmission to Walliston would incur significant and concerning increased operating costs, easily doubling our current annual operating costs and be difficult to deal with.

Regards,
Russell Coghlan, Station IT & Technical volunteer

I'm a volunteer at Capital Community Radio 101.7FM and Capital Digital,
in Perth, Western Australia. Playing music from *The Golden Years of Radio*. Listen live.