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ABC Radio Australia

Dear Parliament:

As an international listener of Radio Australia I need to write. Radio Australia shortwave was the voice of Australia for us here in the U.S. I would listen to ABC most days before work and at night when reception permitted. I enjoyed the impartial news, happenings in the Pacific region and the wonderful music programs.

Since ABC went off the air I have not received any news about Australia save for a couple of articles in the New York Times. As you know probably know our media here in the U.S. is on the defensive from the current administration. This leaves U.S. citizens wondering whose account of the news is accurate. The media here is under assault and many people believe the fake news circulating around. Radio Australia was an unquestionable, world class source of impartial news. It is bad timing that they decide to leave the airwaves probably when they are needed most by us listeners here in the U.S.

RNZI's reception here is not nearly as good as ABC. Will listeners here in the U.S. have to tune into China Radio International to get our news on Australia and the Pacific? Please return to shortwave. Radio Australia shortwave is the voice of Australia.

Sincerely,

Richard Nowak