



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS, TRANSPORT AND THE ARTS

### Terms of Reference

The House Communications Committee has been asked by Senator the Hon. Richard Alston, the Minister for Communications, to inquire into and report on the adequacy of radio services in regional and rural Australia and the extent to which there is a need for the Government to take action in relation to the quantity and the quality of radio services in regional and rural Australia, having particular regard to the following:

- ◆ The social benefits and influence on the general public of radio broadcasting in non-metropolitan Australia in comparison to other media sectors;
- ◆ Future trends in radio broadcasting, including employment and career opportunities, in non-metropolitan Australia;
- ◆ The effect on individuals, families and small business in non-metropolitan Australia of networking of radio programming, particularly in relation to local news services, sport, community service announcements and other forms of local content, and;
- ◆ The potential for new technologies such a digital radio to provide enhanced and more localised radio services in metropolitan, regional and rural areas.

The closing date for submissions is Friday 27 October.

Advice on preparing submissions is available from the secretariat on request and on the secretariat web site.

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