TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This petition of the people and businesses within the City of Swan region of Western Australia.

Draws to the attention of the House the fact that the Midland CBD is not represented by its own community radio station, a fact which highlights several existing anomalies with requirements of the Broadcasting Services Act.

We therefore ask the House to approach and, if necessary, require the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) to modify currently existing Licence Area Plans (LAP) to enable this progressive and rapidly developing region to have its' own radio voice and community service.

The House is advised of the recent application to ACMA by Swan City Community Radio Inc. to establish and provide a community radio service to this region. The City of Swan is geographically the largest local government area in WA and is understood to be the only region with city status within the metropolitan area without due representation via community radio.

The Midland CBD currently falls within the LAP of Kalamunda Community Radio (KCR), however the two regions fall within different local government areas with vastly different community profiles and KCR does not actively represent or cater for the Midland CBD community.