

Narromine Branch of The Nationals

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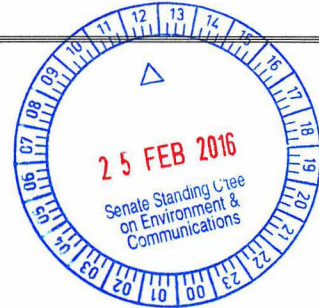
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JM Woods,

The Secretary,
Senate Inquiry,
Environment and Communications Legislation Committee.,
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Dear Senate,

At the Narromine Branch of The Nationals meeting held on Wednesday 17th February, 2016, it was unanimously decided to inform Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee that we are not happy with the reduction in rural matters in the morning ABC radio programme.

The Agricultural News has been reduced to only fifteen minutes, which is often State based and includes the weather, local weather forecast for that day and no market information.

The Agriculture Community need at least twenty minutes of local rural news presented by a local reporter plus at least five minutes devoted to Market Reports covering all rural production. It should in the time slot of following the Local News at 6:35 until the 7:00am National News then cross over to Bureau of Meteorology for a four day weather outlook for the region.

Farmers and Agricultural industry need this valuable service for future planning and we should not be shoved into the background which is presently occurring.

The radio is an invaluable and a very essential service to Agriculture as it can inform those involved, while they are preparing for the day's workload ahead,

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of the Narromine Branch of the Nationals,

Jann Woods

JM Woods Secretary..

19th February, 2016