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Committee Secretary  
Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications  
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Dear Committee Secretary

**Letter of support to Senator Bridget McKenzie's Private Senator's Bill, Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Advocacy) Bill 2015.**

At Council's Ordinary Meeting on 17 February 2016, Council voted unanimously to write in support of Senator Bridget McKenzie's Private Senator's Bill, Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Rural and Regional Advocacy) Bill 2015, advocating for a continued focus on broadcasting news and current affairs that effectively represent the interests of rural and regional communities in Bass Coast.

Council supports the Senator's introduction of a Private Senator's Bill in response to concerns regarding recent regional programming changes and providing a public service to regional areas.

We understand that the Bill has been referred to the Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for an inquiry in 2016, which will understand how the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) delivers services in regional Australia.

Council believes it is important for the ABC to understand and adequately deliver what regional communities expect of the ABC when broadcasting in regional areas and support Senator McKenzie's recommendations.

Yours sincerely

Cr Jordan Crugnale  
**Mayor**  
**Bass Coast Shire Council**

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